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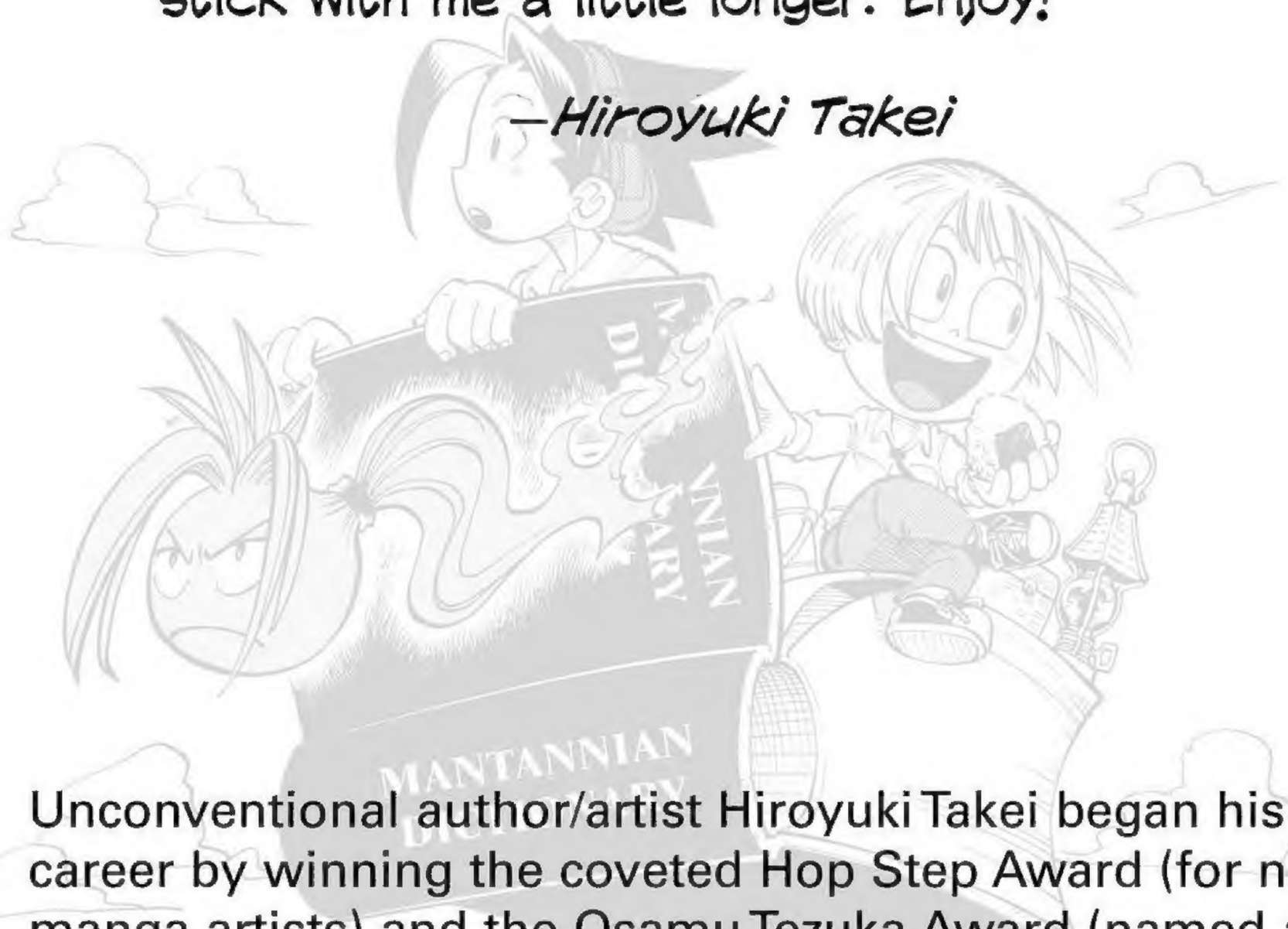
武井宏之
(This is my chameleon.)

We've made the 20-volume mark at last... but I almost want to yell at myself because the story's stuck here! Actually, we are finally moving past the midpoint of the story. I'm thinking about really spicing things up after the "Epilogue" arc. Please stick with me a little longer. Enjoy!

—*Hiroyuki Takei*



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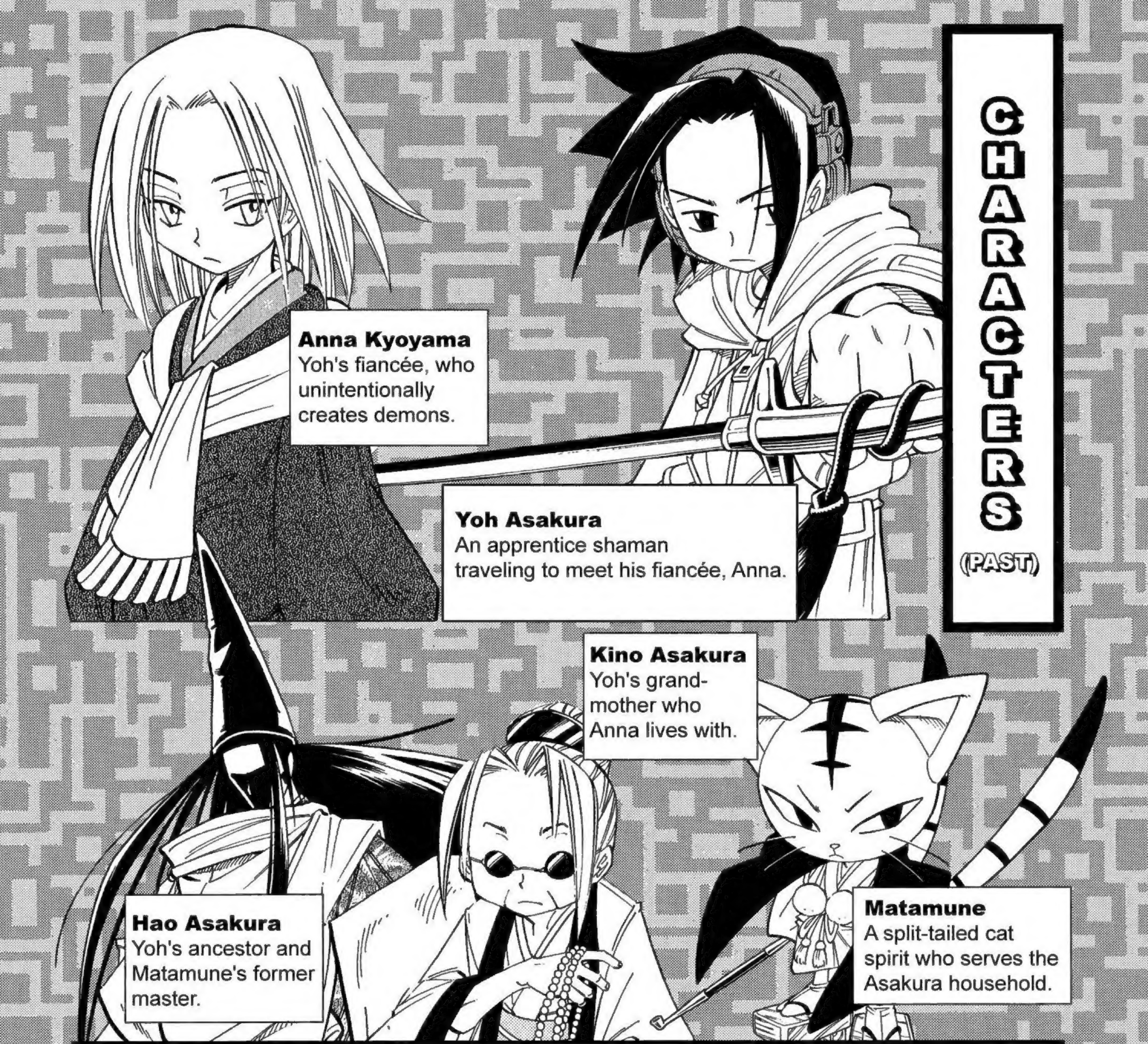


THE STORY THUS FAR

Yoh Asakura not only sees dead people, he talks and fights with them, too. That's because Yoh is a shaman, a traditional holy man able to interact with the spirit world. Yoh is now a competitor in the Shaman Fight, a tournament held every 500 years to decide who will become the Shaman King and shape humanity's future.

When Ren is fatally wounded, Yoh promises Lady Jeanne he will withdraw from the Shaman Fight if she will save Ren's life. When Anna finds out, she thinks back to when she and Yoh first met. Yoh had come to visit her with his first spirit ally, a thousand-year-old cat named Matamune. But soon Yoh and Matamune found themselves facing menacing demons of Anna's own creation...

PRESENT

Horohoro
An Ainu shaman whose Over Soul looks like a snowboard.

Kororo
Horohoro's spirit ally is one of the little nature spirits the Ainu call Koropokkur.

Bason
Ren's spirit ally is the ghost of a fearsome warlord from ancient China.

Tao Ren
A powerful shaman and the scion of the ruthless Tao Family.

Mic
Joco's jaguar spirit ally.

Joco
A shaman who uses humor as a weapon. Or tries to.

Eliza
Faust's late wife.

Faust VIII
A creepy German doctor and necromancer who is now Yoh's ally.

Amidamaru
In life, "the Fiend" Amidamaru was a samurai of amazing skill and ferocity. Now he is Yoh's loyal spirit ally.

"Wooden Sword" Ryu
On a quest to find his Happy Place. Along the way, he became a shaman.

Marco
The captain of the X-LAWS.

Michael
An angel. Marco's spirit ally.

Spirit of Fire
One of the five High Spirits, and Hao's spirit ally.

Tokagero
The ghost of a bandit slain by Amidamaru. He is now Ryu's spirit ally.

Hao
An enigmatic figure who calls himself the "Future King."

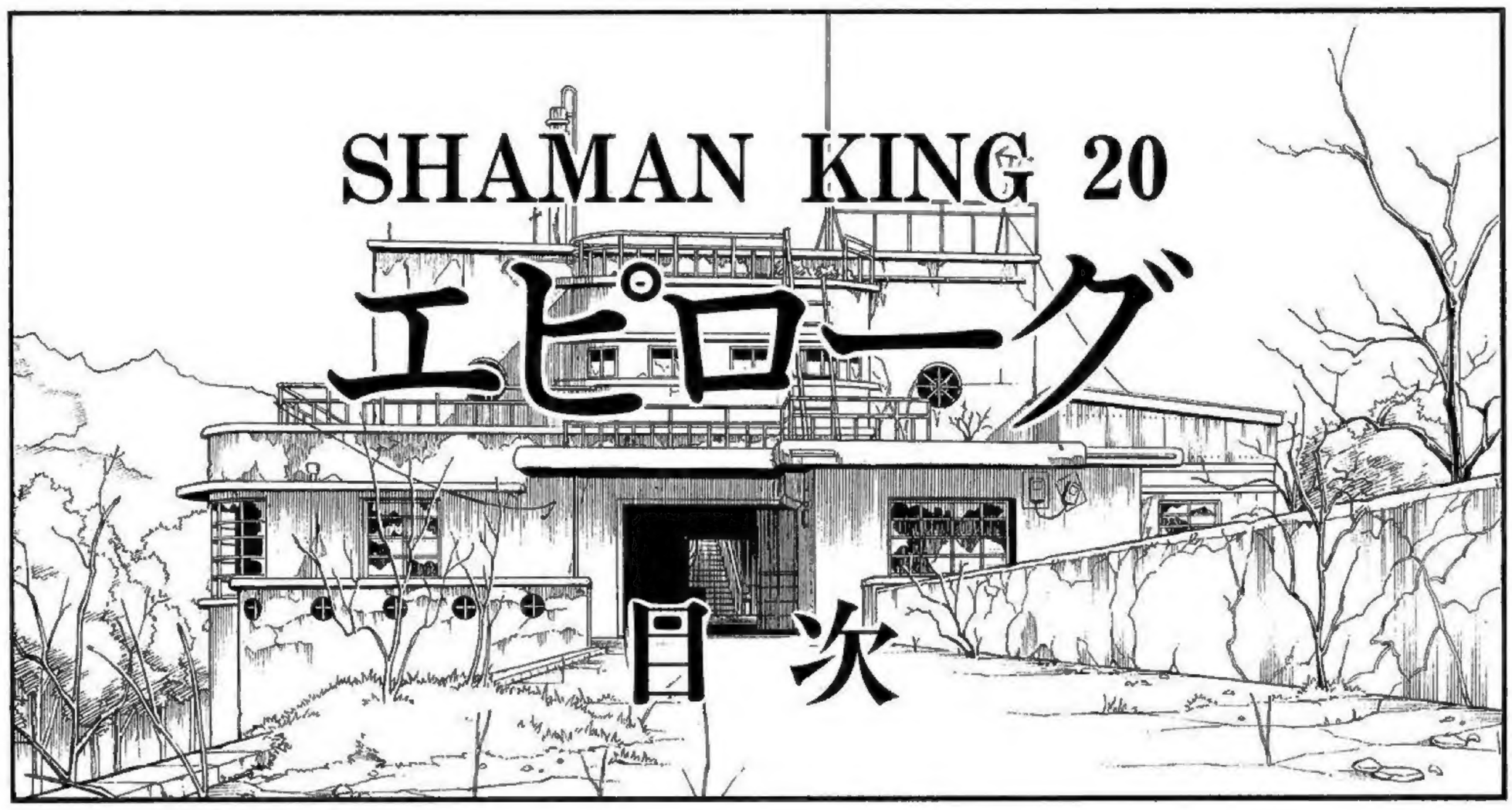
Shamash
Jeanne's spirit ally, a Babylonian god.

Morphea
Lyserg's poppy fairy spirit ally.

Lyserg
A young shaman with a vendetta against Hao.

Lady Jeanne, the Iron Maiden
The leader of the X-LAWS. Spends most of her time in a medieval torture cabinet.

Manta Oyamada
A high-strung boy with a huge dictionary. He has enough sixth sense to see ghosts, but not enough to control them.



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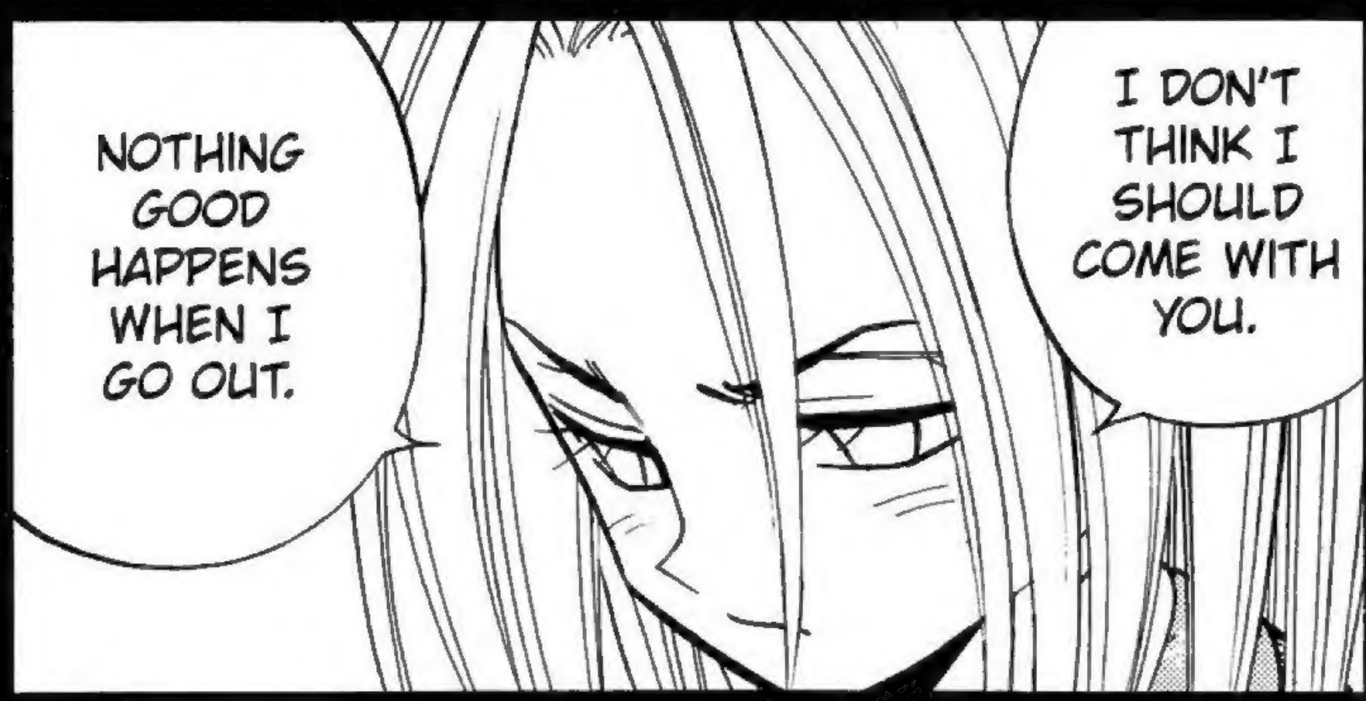
BONGGG

Reincarnation 171: Mt. Osore Le Voile IX



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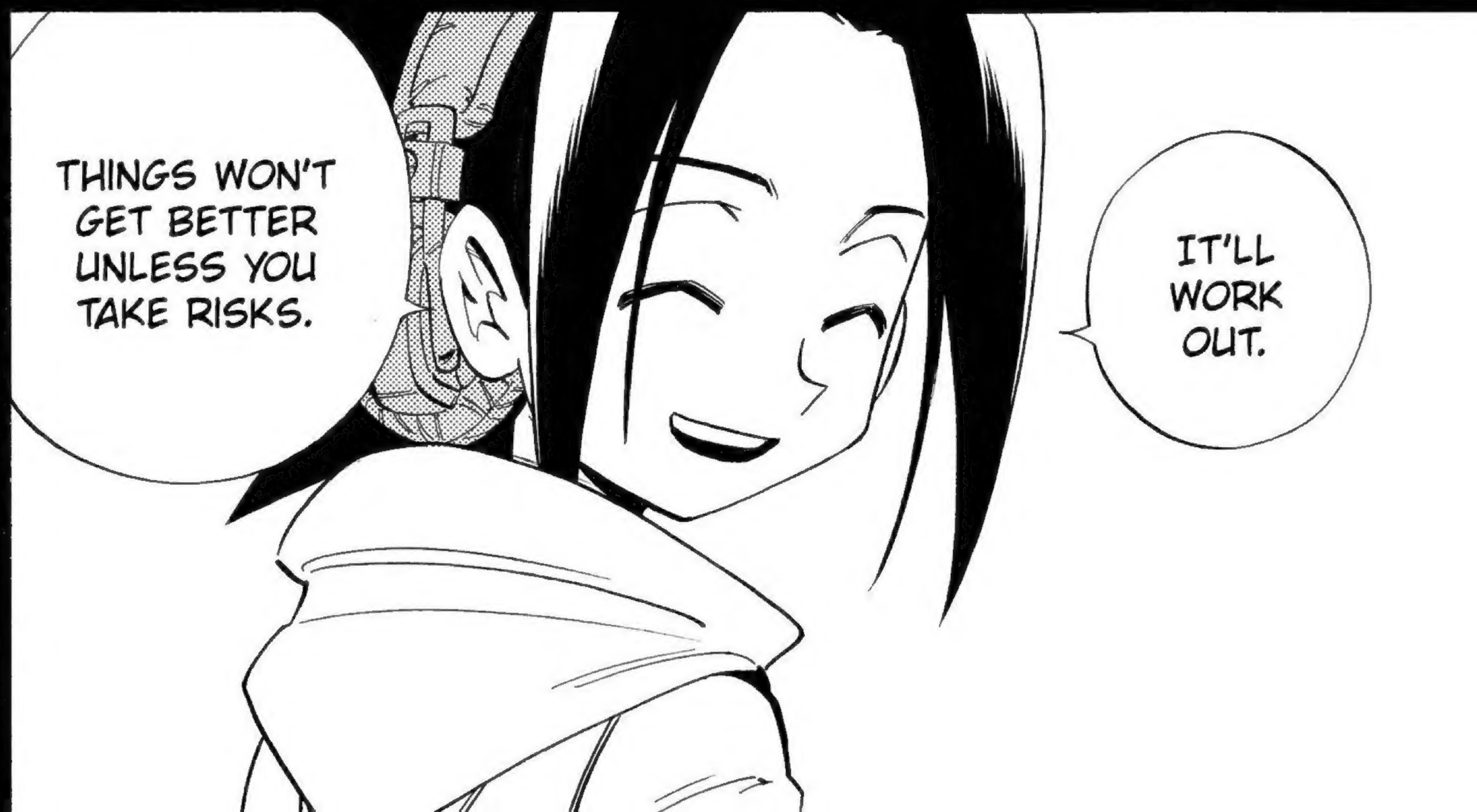


Reincarnation 171:
Mt. Osore Le Voile IX

SIGNS: CANDY APPLES; TAKOYAKI; BEER; JUICE, YAKISOBA

BONGGG

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.

ANNA WENT FOR A WALK WITH YOH?

THERE THEY GO.

...

I WONDER IF THIS COULD...

IS ANNA STARTING TO OPEN HER HEART?

HMM

FANCY THAT. YOH FOUND THE COURAGE AFTER ALL.

NO.

...

I CAN'T LET THEM GO.

READ THIS WAY
THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS WILL POUR OVER ANNA LIKE A FLOOD.
ALL THOSE PEOPLE!
THEY'LL BE ESPECIALLY SELFISH BECAUSE OF THIS YEAR'S RECESSION.
AND EVERYONE WILL BE FIXATING ON SELFISH DESIRES FOR THEIR NEW YEAR'S WISHES.
THE 108 EARTHLY DESIRES...
...WILL CREATE A DEMON LIKE WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!!

YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU FIGHT A GIANT DEMON.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

YOU MAY BE POWERFUL, BUT YOUR STRENGTH COMES FROM--

!

THEN I'LL GO WITH THEM.

...IF SHE MISSES THIS OPPORTUNITY, THE GIRL MAY NEVER OPEN HER HEART.

BUT...

I BELIEVE YOH CAME UP WITH THAT ONE HIMSELF.

THAT'S A GOOD MOTTO.

"IT'LL WORK OUT."

BUT ...!

...I LEARNED THINGS I COULD NOT HAVE LEARNED FROM BOOKS. I'VE GROWN VERY FOND OF HIM.

IT WAS ONLY THREE DAYS, BUT IN THE TIME I TRAVELED WITH YOH...

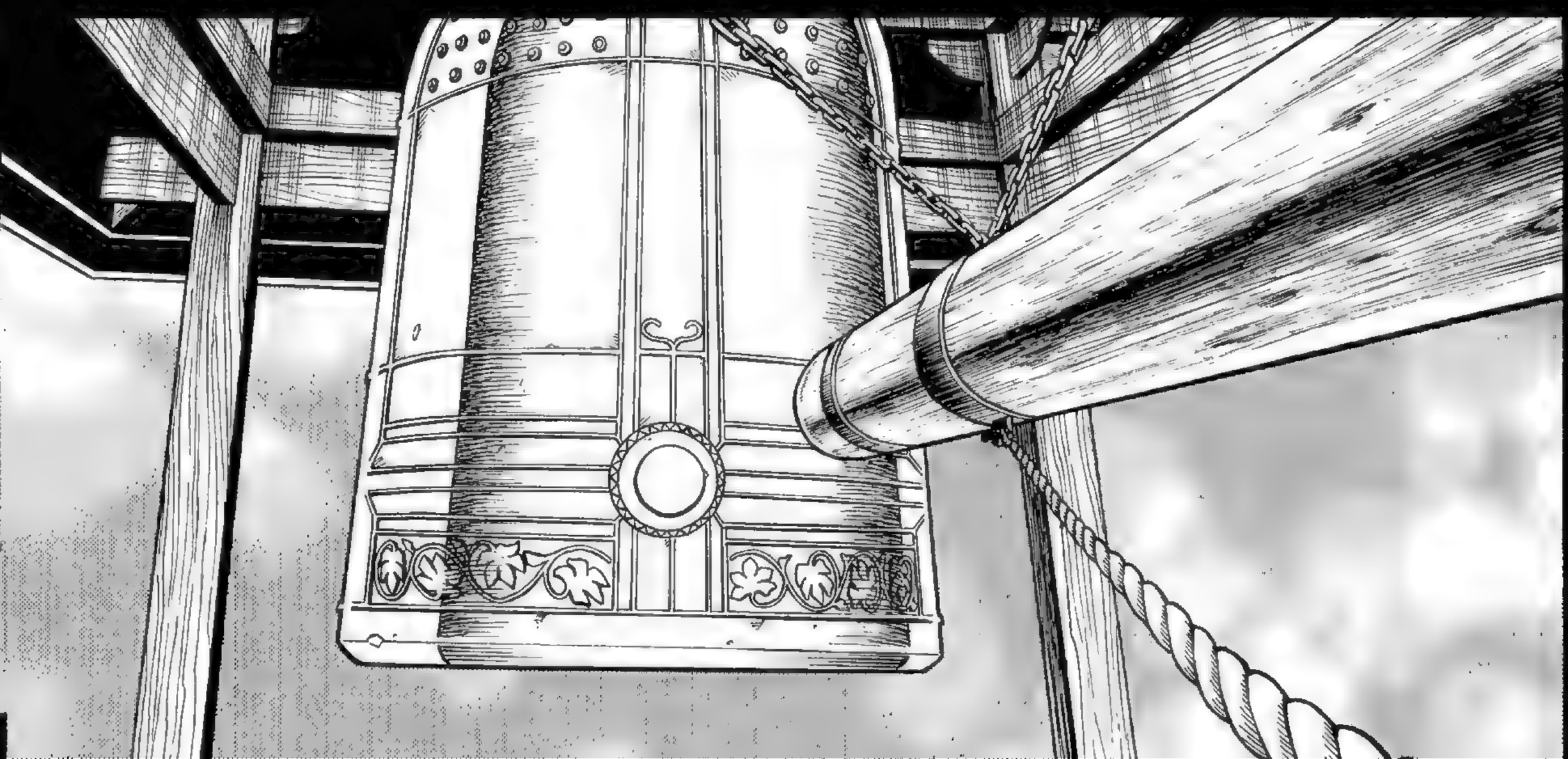
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND...AND MY HEART.

MATAMUNE ...

SPLASH

元陸軍
青森県
下北駅前
下北半島さ

SIGN: GUMAKURA SOUVENIRS AT SHIMOKITA STATION



GRARR!!

GLIT

MATAMUNE!!

WOOSH

YOU LOOK AFTER ANNA, YOH.

I'LL DEAL WITH THIS.

I KNOW.

TOMP

!!

UNH!

BUT...

I FEEL IT!

UNH... GUH...

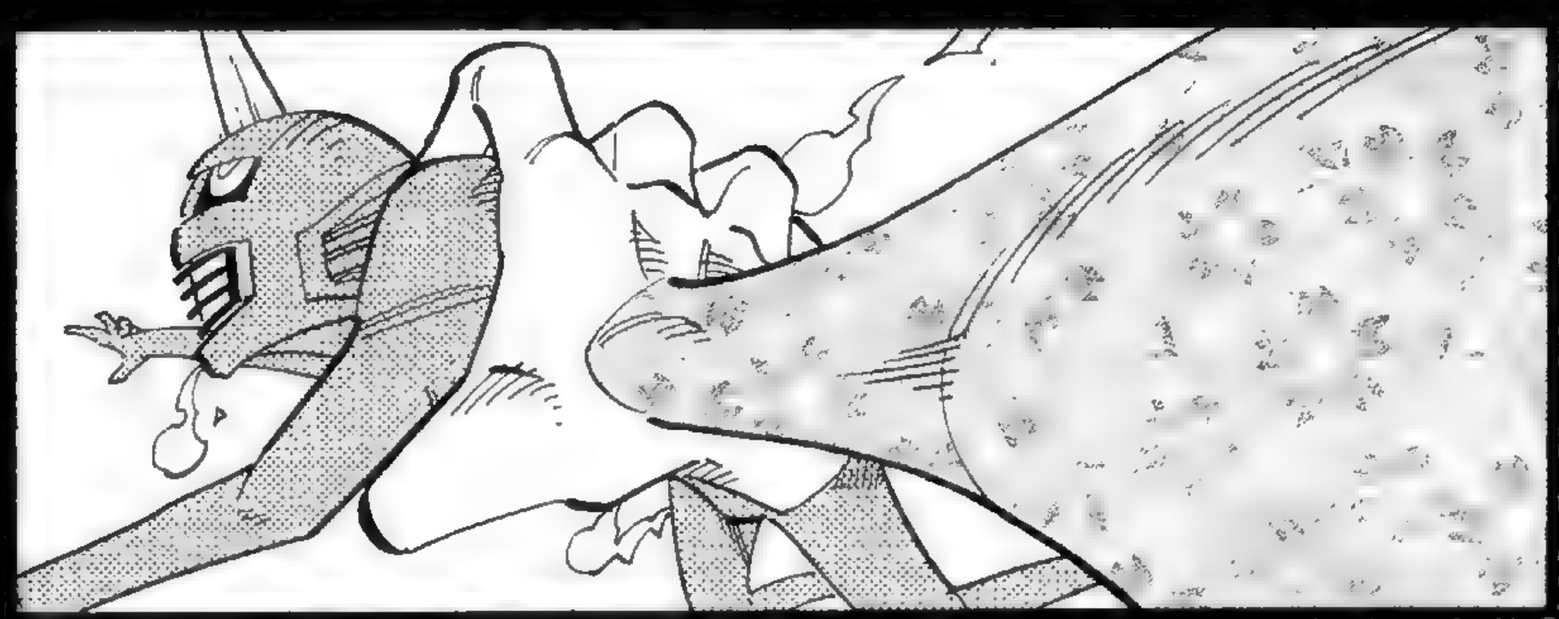
AAAAAAH!!

IT'S STREAMING INTO ME!!

READ THIS WAY
!!!

ウ ム ム ム ム ム ム ム !!

DEMONS!!



Hell

CHOMP CHIO CHOMP

IT'S EATING THE OTHERS...

...AND GETTING BIGGER!!

QUITE A TURNOUT. IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE CLOSE TO MT. OSORE.

A MULTITUDE OF EMBITTERED SOULS...

WHISH WHISH WHISH

IT'S ABSORBING THEM.

BUT FOR THE GIRL TO SUMMON SO MANY...HER MANA MUST BE IMMENSE!

AAH!!

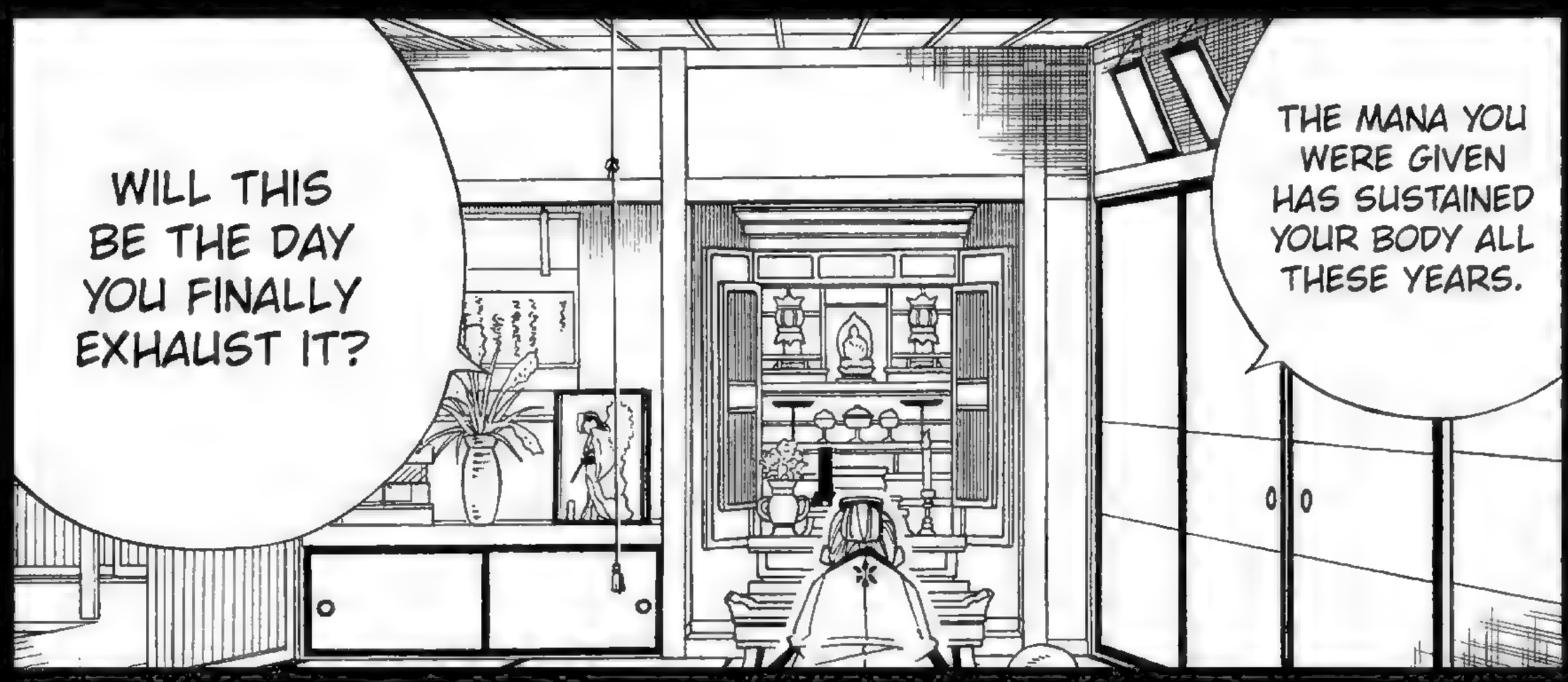
...!!

...INTO A GIANT DEMON OVER SOUL.
THEY'RE INTEGRATING ...

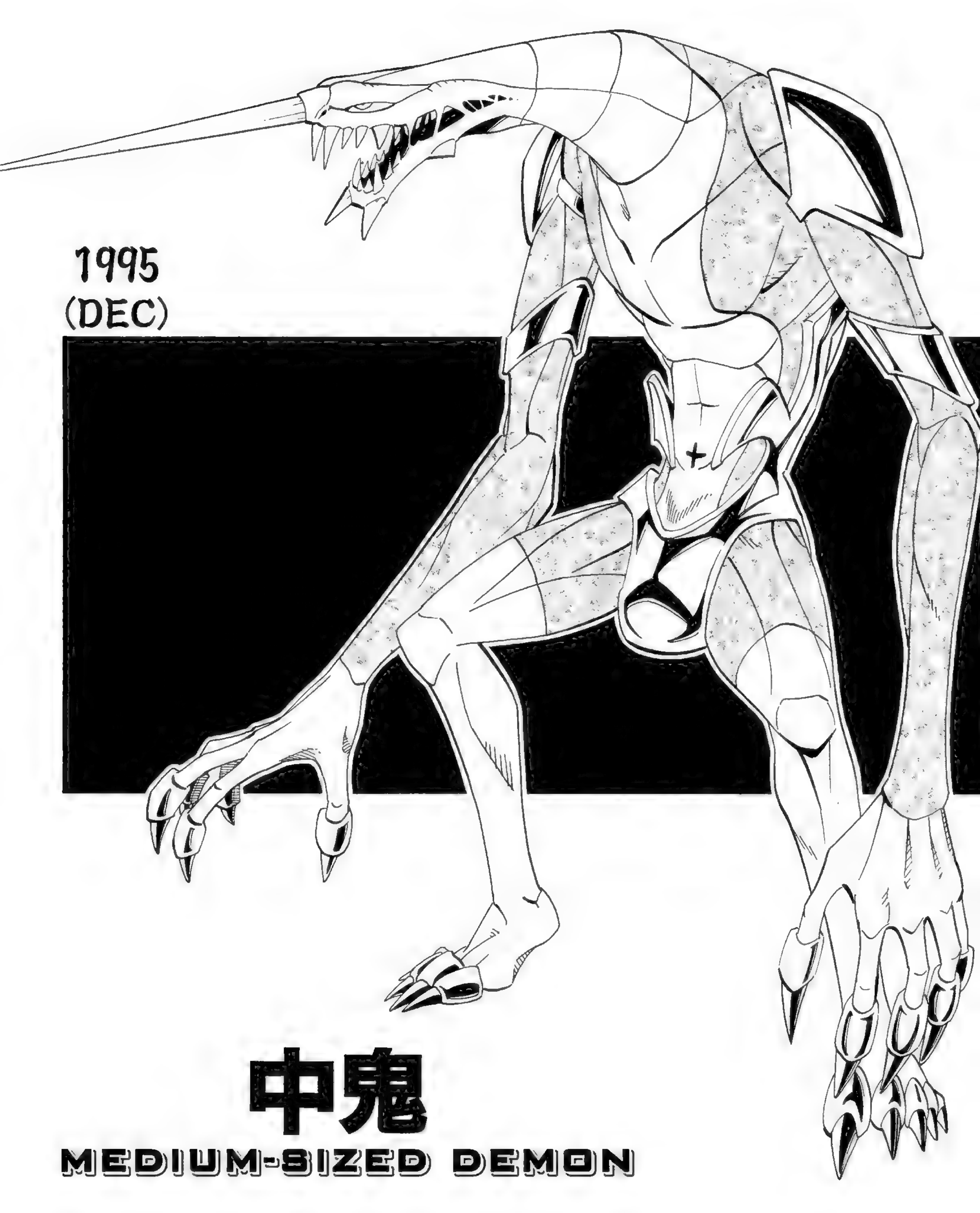
READ
THIS
WAY

...TO RESOLVE YOUR INNER TURMOIL?
安井旅館
WAS THIS THE ONLY WAY...
MATA-MUNE...
...
SIGN: CHEEP INN

A THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD OVER SOUL...


WILL THIS BE THE DAY YOU FINALLY EXHAUST IT?
THE MANA YOU WERE GIVEN HAS SUSTAINED YOUR BODY ALL THESE YEARS.

I LIVED A LONG LIFE FILLED WITH HEARTBREAK YET EVERY NEW YEAR I AWOKE TO JOY LOVE IS HELLOS, GOOD-BYES AND GOSSAMER
MT. OSORE LE VOILE



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中鬼
MEDIUM-SIZED DEMON

Reincarnation 172: Mt. Osore Le Voile X

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初詣

I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE LIKE THIS BEFORE.
...
IT'S HUGE.

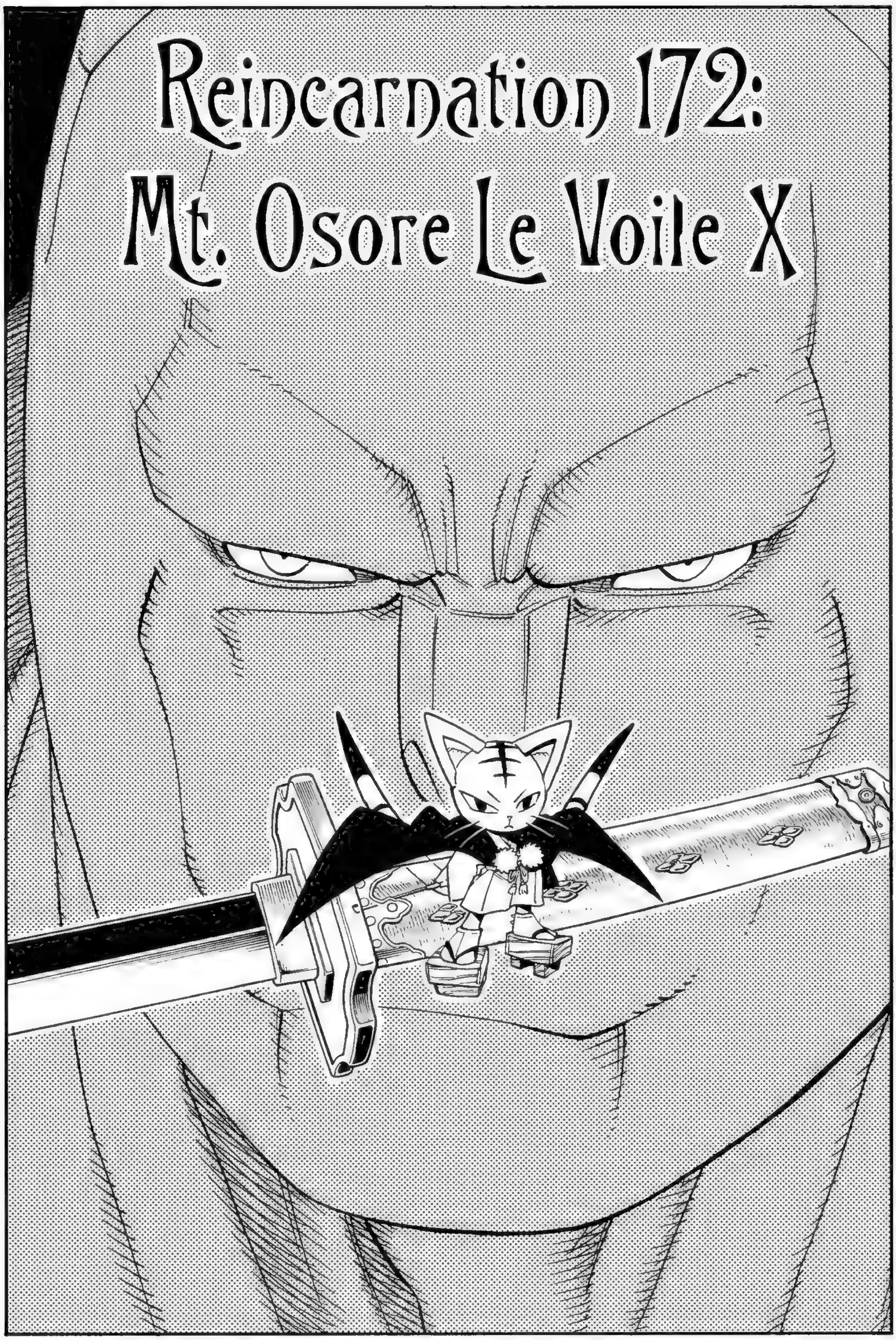
IT'S...

...A GIANT DEMON!

AH

OOH

HEH


Reincarnation 172:
Mt. Osore Le Voile X

MATA--

HE CAUGHT ME OFF GUARD.

KOOFF

I KNEW THAT WAS COMING, BUT HE'S AS SWIFT AS AN ARROW...

NO.

...AND STRONGER THAN A HUNDRED BULLS.

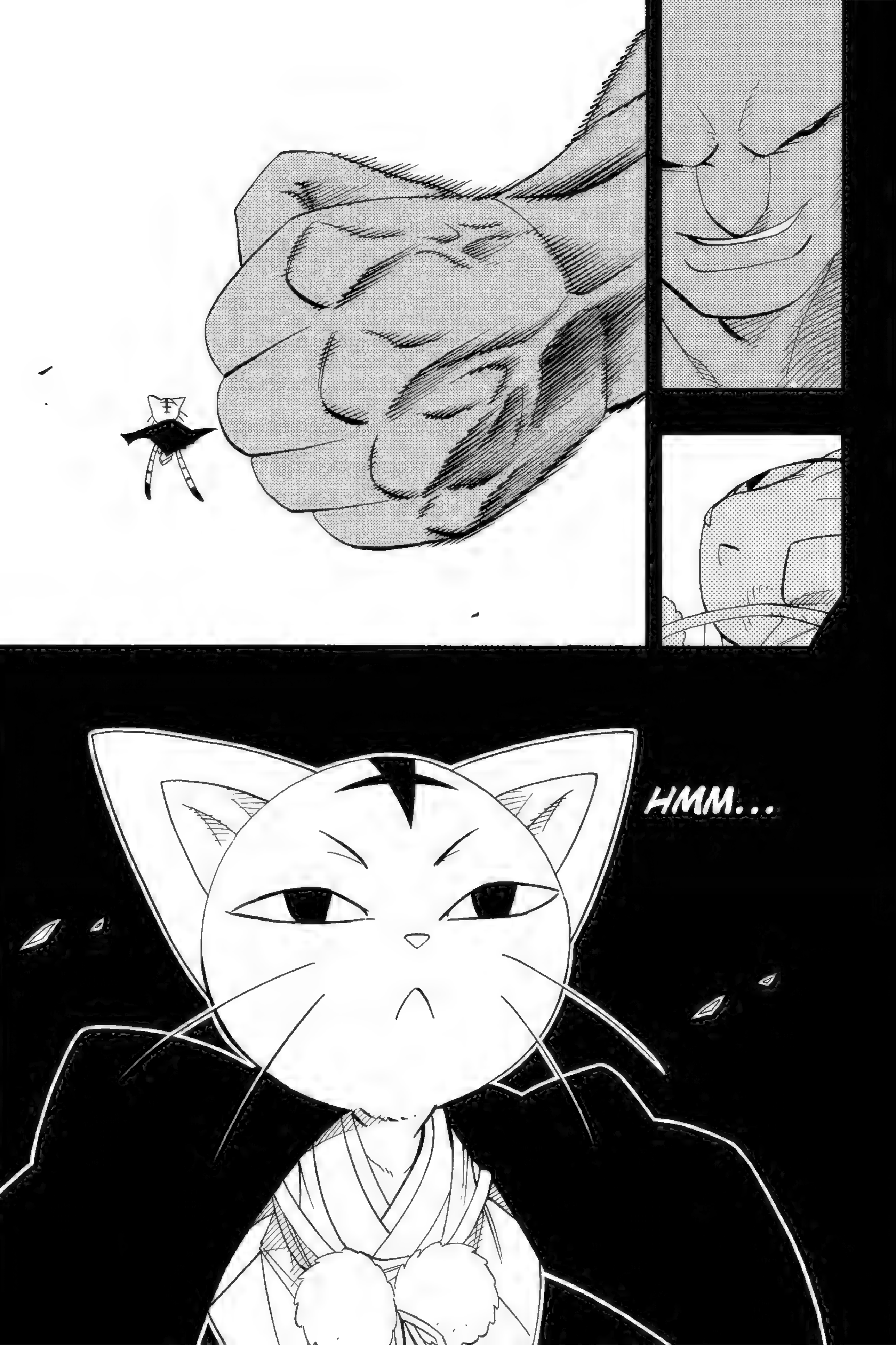
WHAM

BUT NOW...

SHRIEK

...FRIGHTEN THE CHILDREN!

...I MUSTN'T...


HMM...

MATAMUNE !!

THAM

HE'S FORMIDABLE.

...!!

I JUST WANTED TO HELP YOU!

I WANT TO HELP YOU NOW TOO, BUT...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT MADE THE LAST ONE DISAPPEAR!

THINK ABOUT SOMETHING HAPPY!

ANNA!

YOUR ANGER AND FRUSTRATION ARE CREATING THESE DEMONS!

ANNA!

...AND PUSH OUT ALL THE BAD THOUGHTS!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOCUS ON HAPPY MEMORIES ...

AGH!!

I DON'T HAVE ANY.

HAPPY MEMORIES ?

POP

WAH!!

I'M GETTING WHAT?

CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ?!

MATA-MUNE'S GETTING--

OF COURSE.

SHK SHK SHK

A-ARE YOU OKAY?

I WAS CARELESS.

FORGIVE ME FOR ALARMING YOU.

BOW

ONE, TWO, THREE...

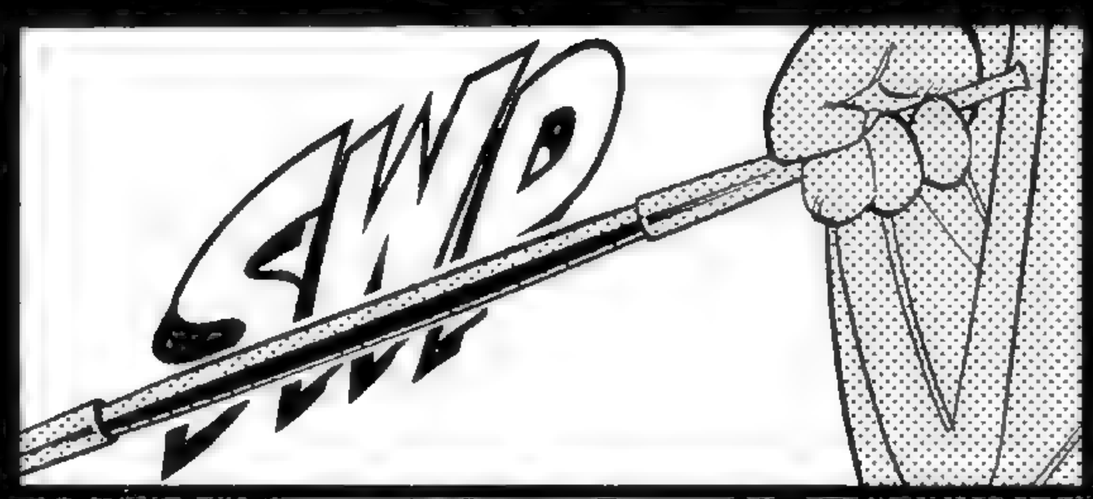
ZANG

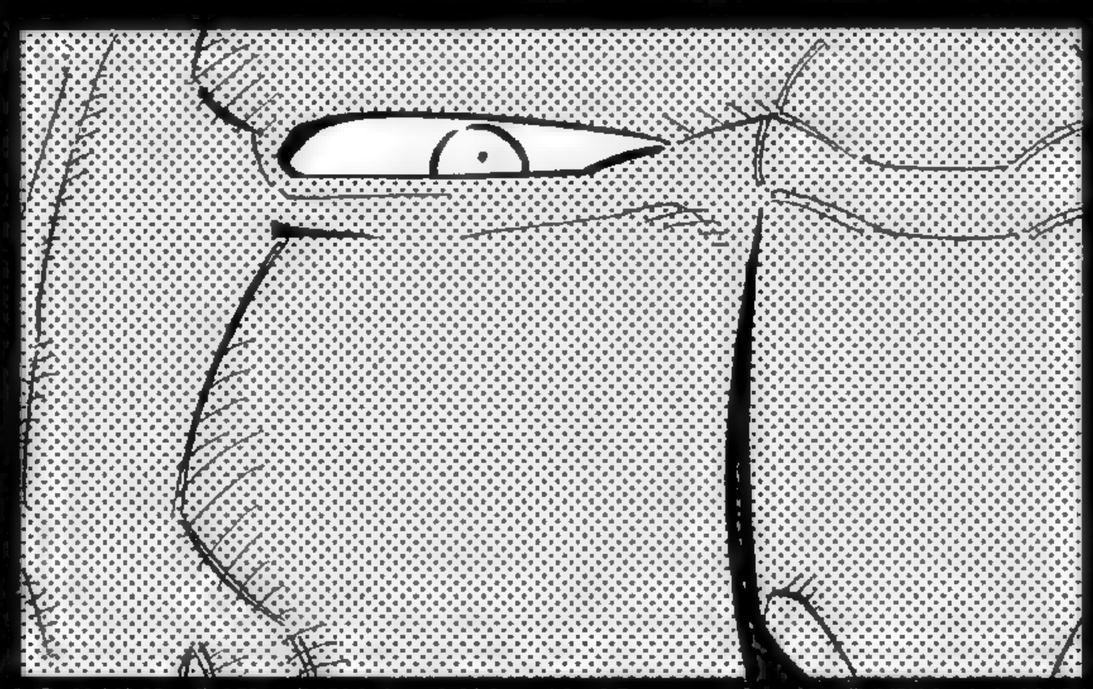
1,080.

THIS DEMON CONTAINS TEN TIMES AS MANY SOULS AS A MEDIUM-SIZED DEMON--

I'D BE TOSSED ABOUT LIKE A LEAF IN A HURRI-CANE.

I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH.





THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE.

SHAMANIC ULTRA SENJI

SOUL RYAKKETSU...

PACIFICATION!

LORD HAO...

FORGIVE ME FOR EXHAUSTING THE MANA YOU GAVE ME.

GLINT

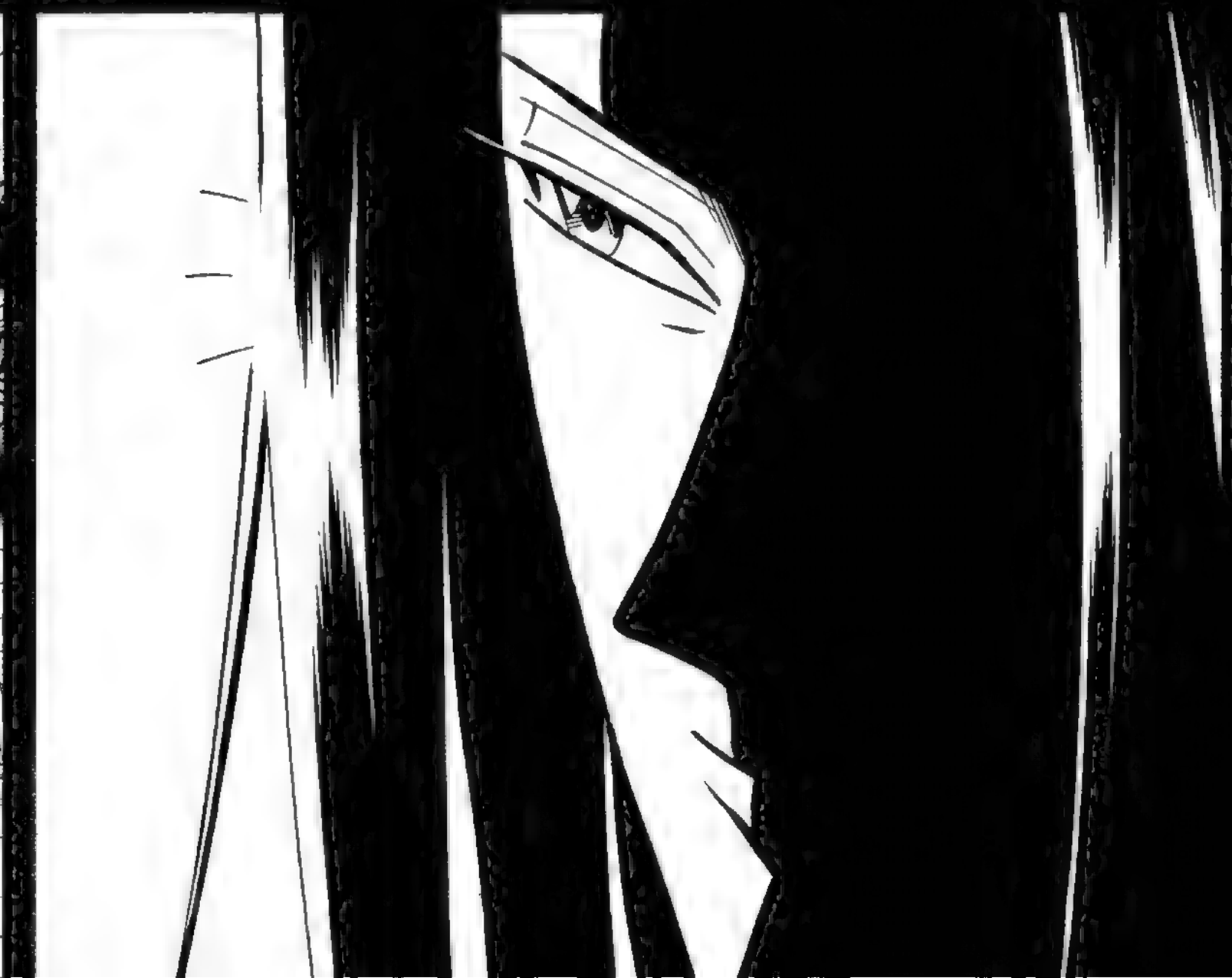
CREE
CREE
CREE

...IS LORD CAT'S...

BUT WHAT'S WORSE THAN THE HEAT...

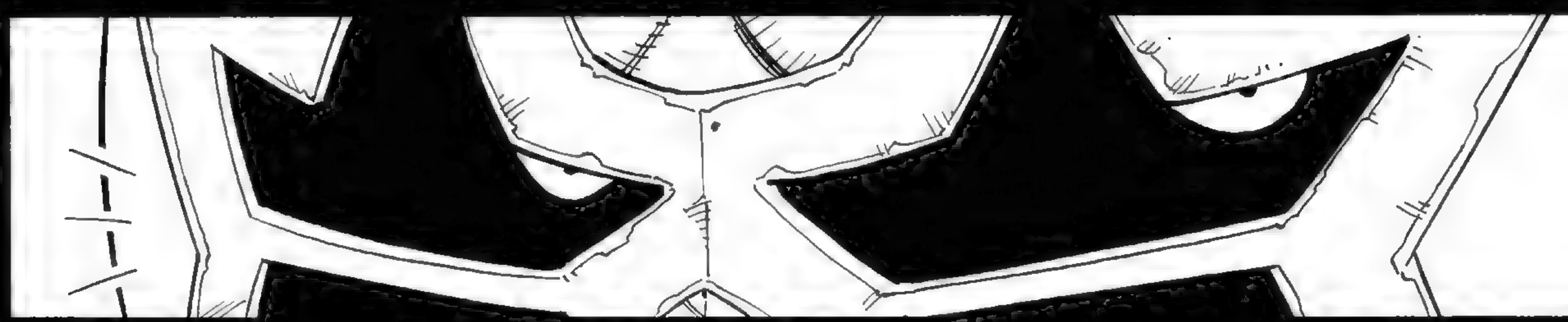
SURE IS.

HOT TODAY.



I SUPPOSE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE.

A GUARDIAN SPIRIT.



AND THEY ARE USED IN CEREMONIES TO PACIFY SOULS...

...WHO FELL VICTIM TO SUDDEN DEATH. THEY HELP TO PREVENT CURSES AND PLAGUES.

BOW

THEY'RE SPIRITS STATIONED ABOUT KYOTO BY SOOTHSAYERS TO PROTECT THE CITY FROM EVIL INVADERS.

I'D LIKE YOUR SPIRIT TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT ME.

BUT YOU NEEDN'T LEAVE.

YOUR BODY WILL PERISH ONE DAY...

...MY MANA LASTS.

...FOR AS LONG AS...

SHAK

HUH?!

GRAH!

GRAH!

GRAH!

KLANK

KLANK

GRAH!

WOW!

MATAMUNE'S DOING FINE NOW!

NO.

?!

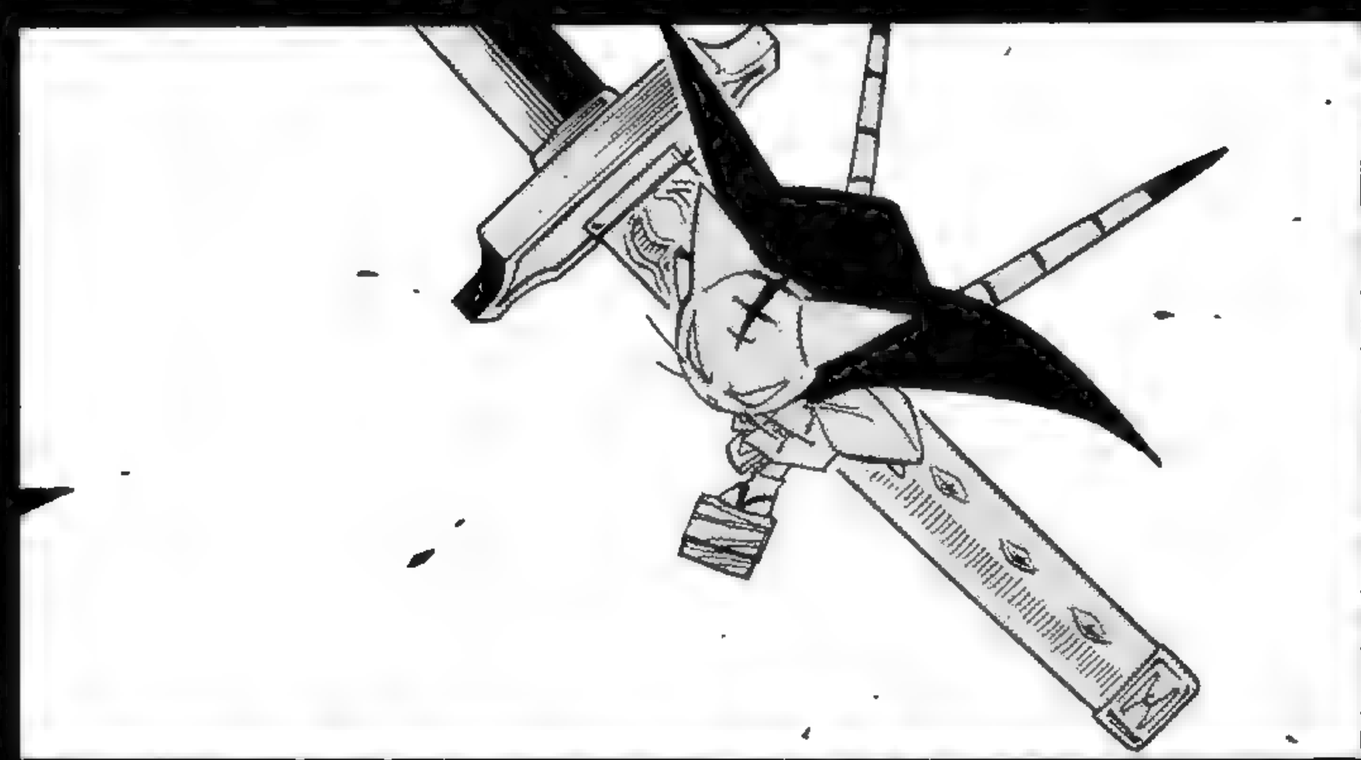
GRAH!!!

IT DECREASES THE LONGER HE FIGHTS.

THE CAT'S POWER IS LIKE THE DEMON'S.

...HE'LL FADE AWAY SOON.

AT THIS RATE...



THOUGH I AM UNDESERVING
I HAVE FELT THE GREATEST OF JOYS
LIFE IS EVER-CHANGING
THOUGH IT IS OFTEN CRUEL
I DO NOT MIND
PLEASE, JUST GIVE ME A SMILE

御霊神

GUARDIAN SPIRITS

MY DUTY IS TO VANQUISH DEMONS.

IF THEY FIGHT ON WITHOUT PAUSING TO RECOVER, THEY EVENTUALLY MELT AWAY.

WHEN DEMONS CLASH, THEIR MANA IS EXPENDED.

I USE MY MANA TO DEFEAT HARMFUL DEMONS.

HOWEVER...

I MUST USE OTHER DEMONS TO VANQUISH THEM.

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...IS A HEART-BREAKING VOCATION.

SHAMANRY...

MATAMUNE...

Reincarnation 173: Mt. Osore Le Voile XI

GOT HIM.

SHUNK

I'LL PUMP THE LAST OF MY MANA INTO THE WOUND...

NO MATTER.

I'M NOT SURE EVEN THIS IS ENOUGH TO STOP HIM.

KREK

KREK

BUT THIS IS A GIANT DEMON.

...

DIE!!

THEN HE WILL SURELY...

GWAAAH!!
!
KREK
KREK
KREK

SLIWER
HE RIPPED HIS OWN ARM OFF!!
WHAT?!
...TO ESCAPE MY MANA?!
DID IT DO THAT...
INCREDIBLE.

TOMP

!

IS THIS DEMON INTELLI-GENT?!

HEH

I UNDER-ESTIMATED HIM AND WASTED A GREAT DEAL OF MANA.

THAT WAS A TERRIBLE BLUNDER.

YOU WON'T GET AWAY!

WHAT IS HE AFTER ?!

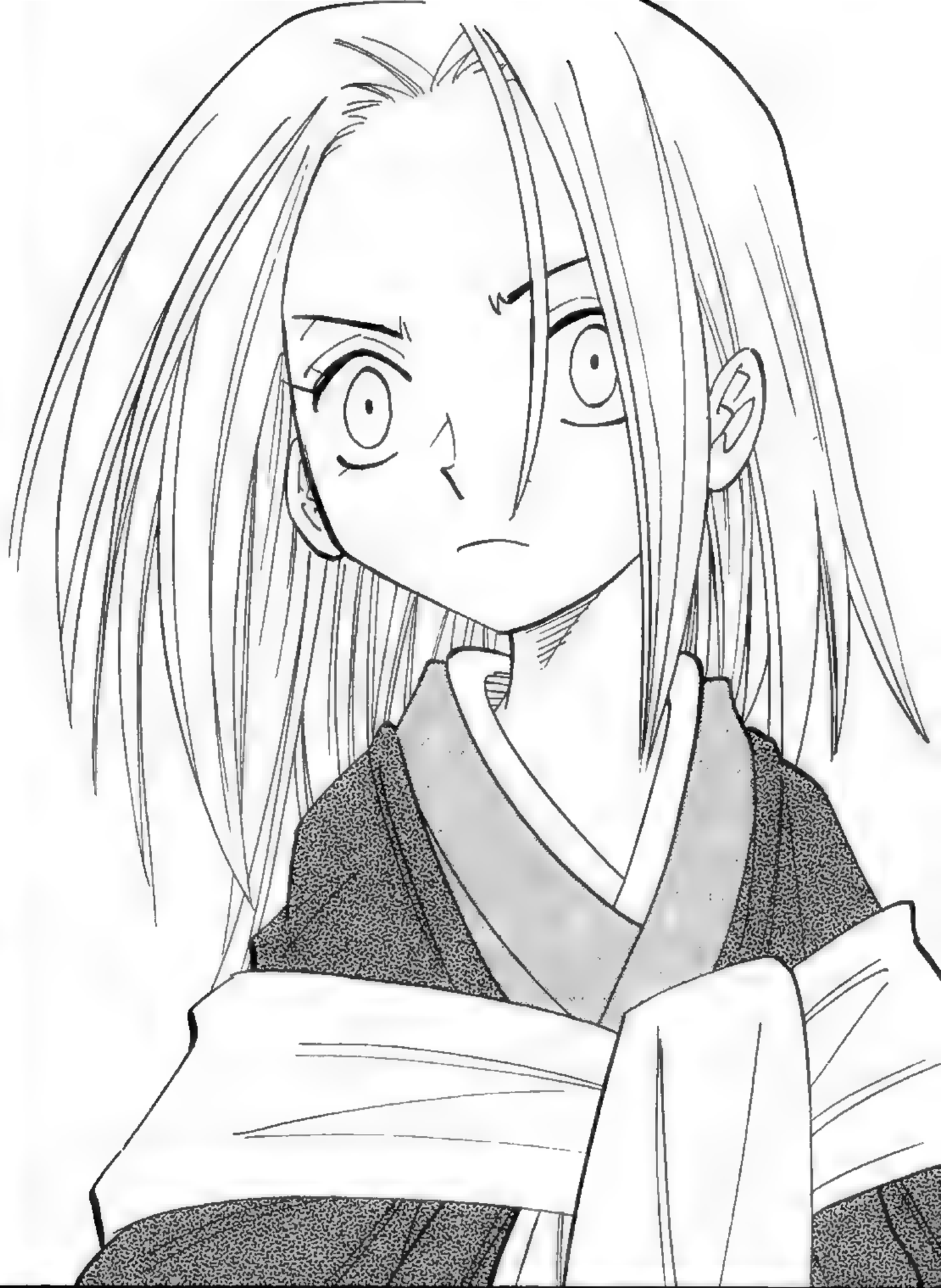
DEMONS ARE ONLY DRIVEN BY DESTRUCTIVE URGES.

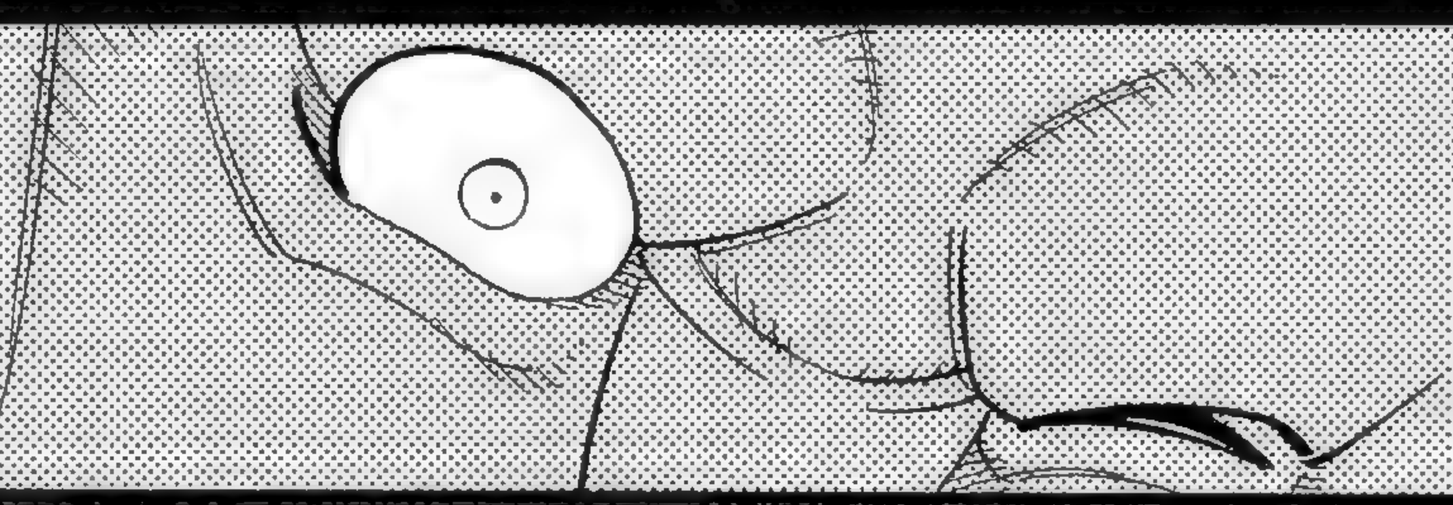
WHERE IS HE GOING?

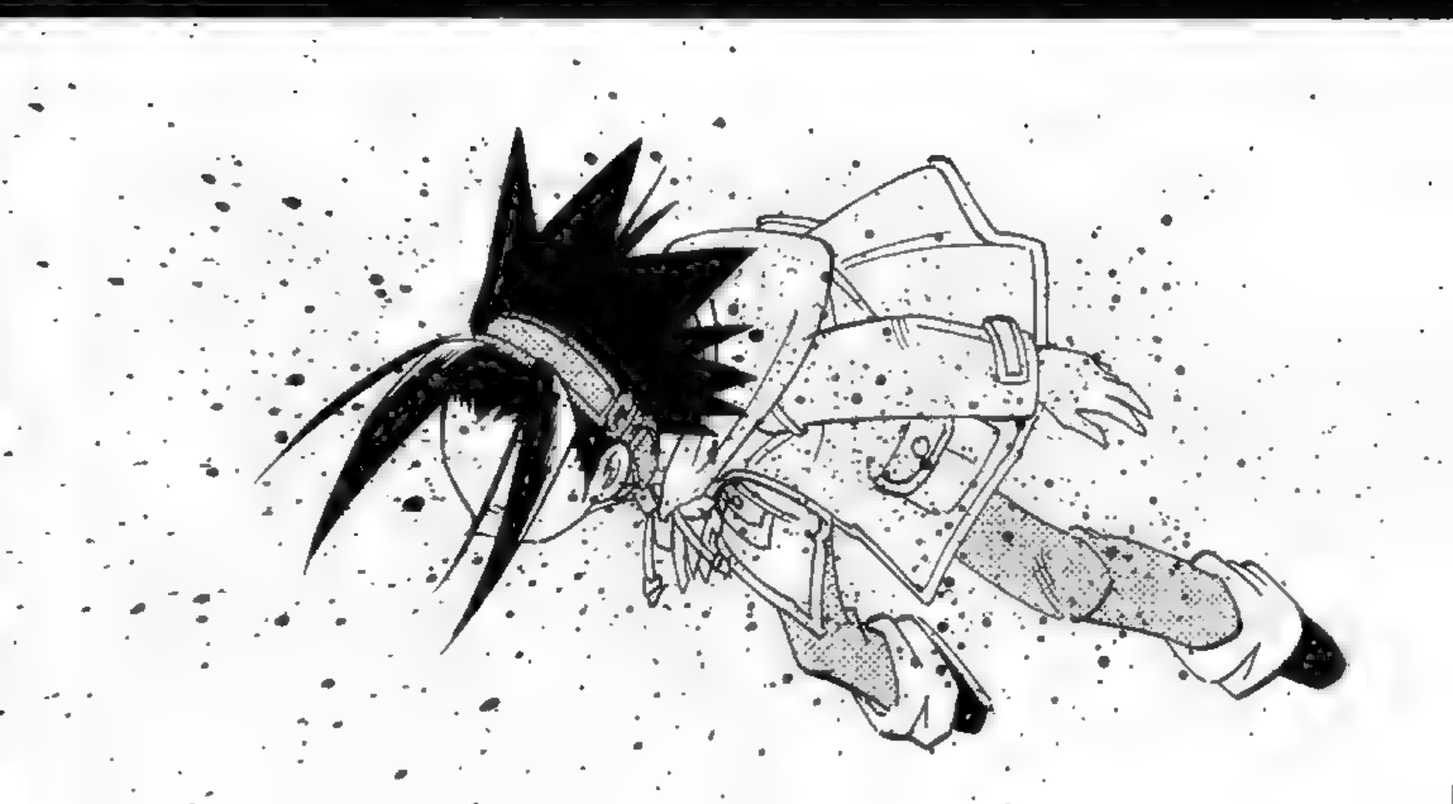
TOMP

TOMP

GRAH!







ANNA!!

BLAST YOU, DEMON! I SEE WHAT YOU'RE AFTER!!
GRAAAH!!

THAT HURT, CAT. LOOK WHAT YOU DID TO MY ARM!

HEH HEH...

IT CAN TALK!!

...SPLIT-TAILED CAT!

THAT'S RIGHT...

I'LL CRUSH YOU TO A PASTE, BOIL IT AND EAT IT!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S OUT OF BREATH.

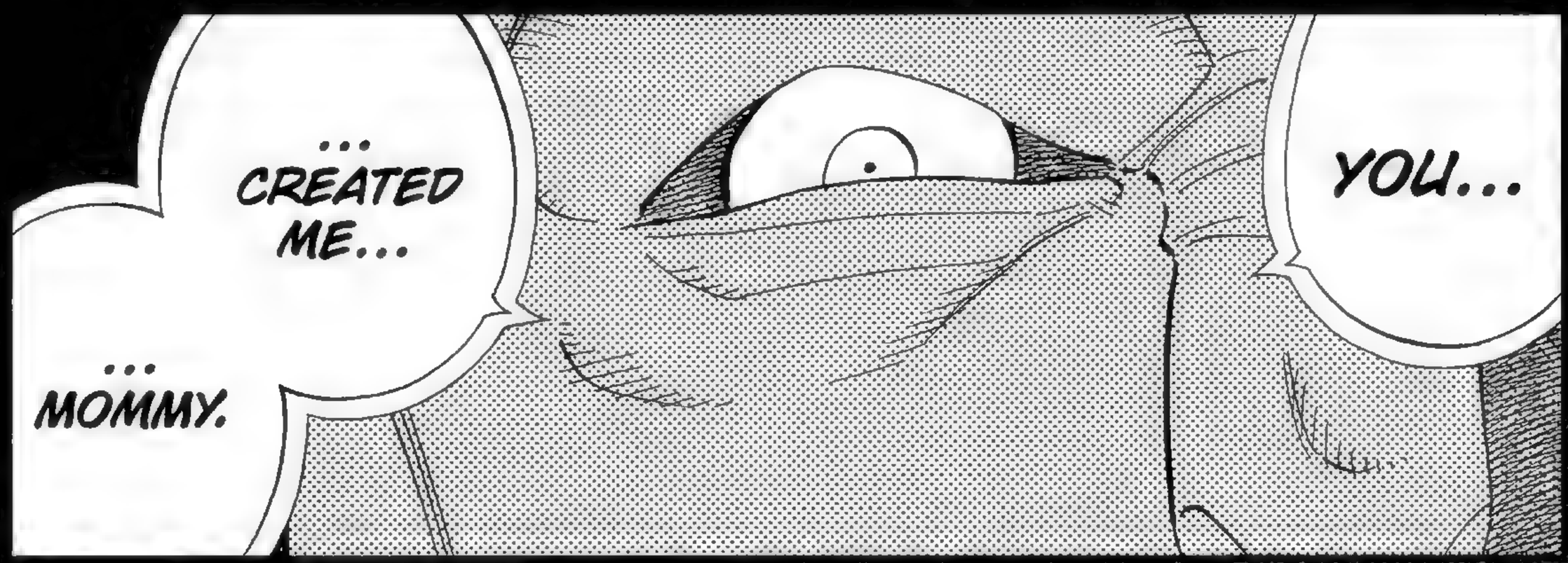
YOUR BREATH-LESSNESS BELIES YOUR BLUSTER.

HMPH.

DON'T I?
WHUP
I ALWAYS FOLLOW THROUGH WITH MY THREATS.
BUT I NEED THIS GIRL'S POWER.
...!

DON'T BE CROSS.
AW...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
UNH...


... CREATED ME...
... MOMMY.
YOU...

I AM THE DARKNESS IN YOUR SOUL.
YES.

!

OF SPITE, ENVY, JEALOUSY, AND MALICE.

I AM THE EMBODIMENT OF UGLY EMOTIONS...

I'M HIDEOUS!

LOOK AT HOW HORRIBLE I AM.

YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

DON'T ACT SO INNOCENT.

...

STOP IT.

YOU'RE HUMAN. ALL HUMANS HARBOR DEMONS. HEH HEH...

GIVE UP.

...SO HE'S PROVOKING ANNA TO INFLAME HER EMOTIONS...

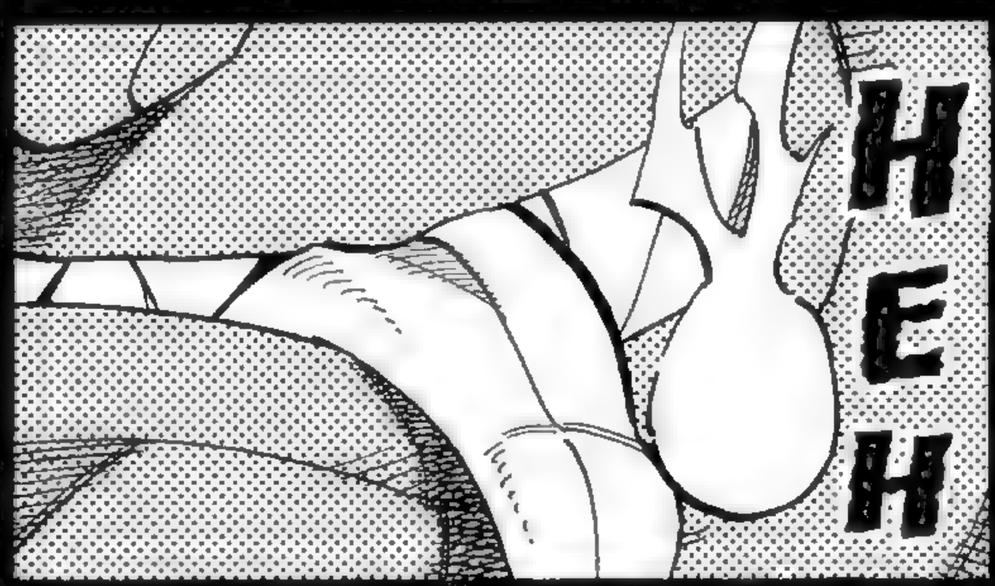
HE NEEDS MORE DEMON SPRITES TO RECHARGE HIS POWERS...

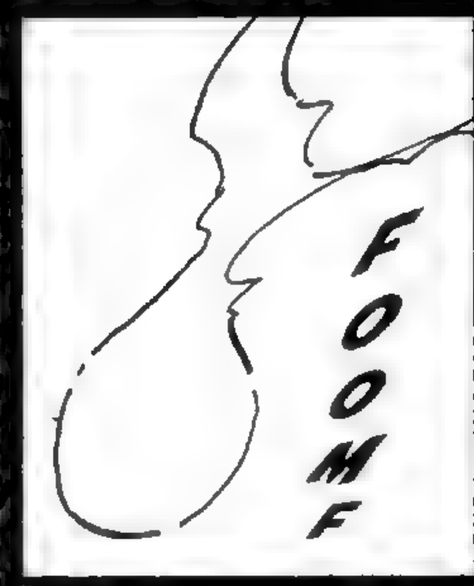
WHAT'S HE TRYING TO DO?!

GRR!

HE'S GOADING HER.

...AND ATTRACT MORE SPRITES.





IT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH.

NOT YET.

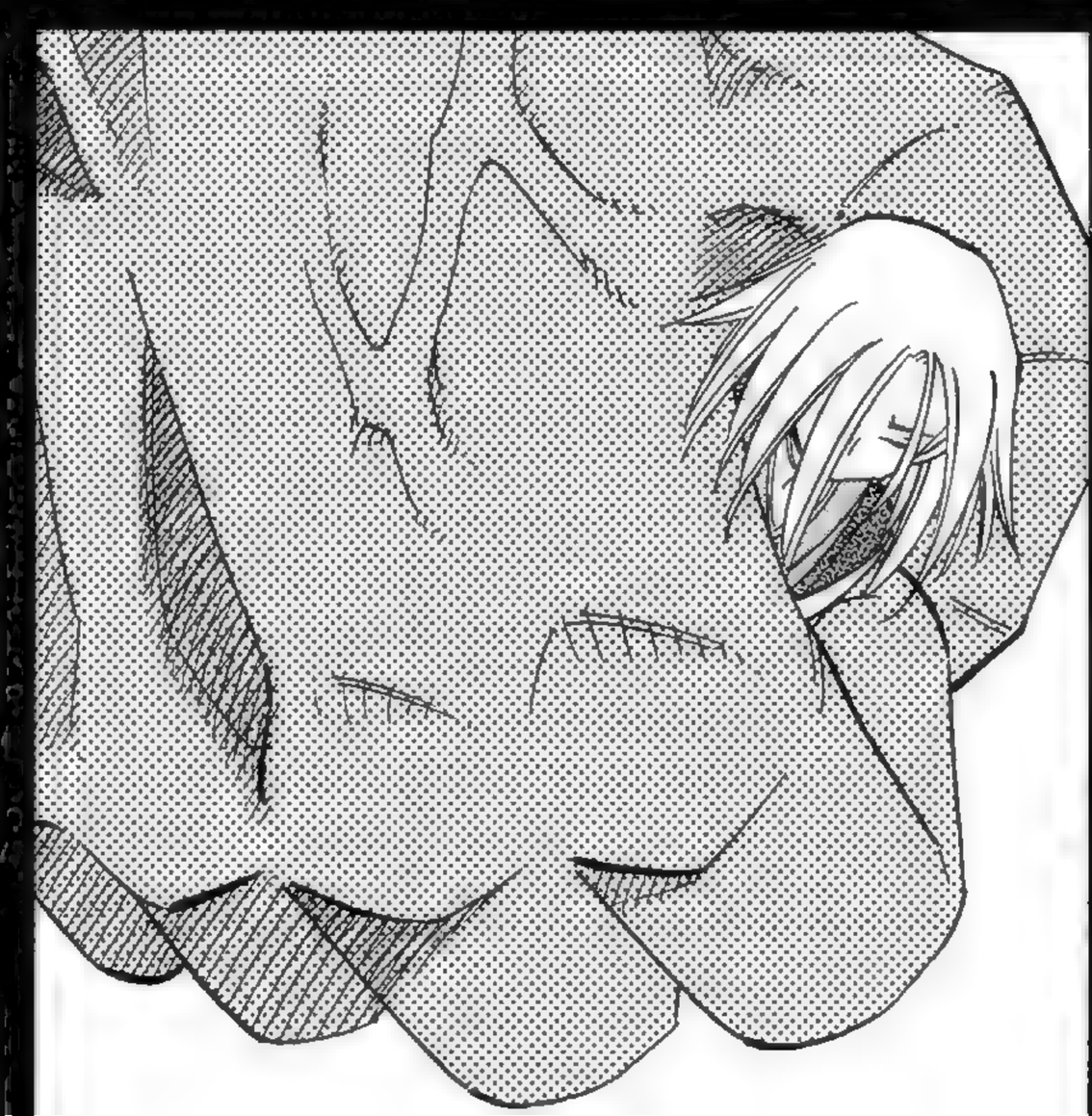
NOT BY A LONG SHOT!!

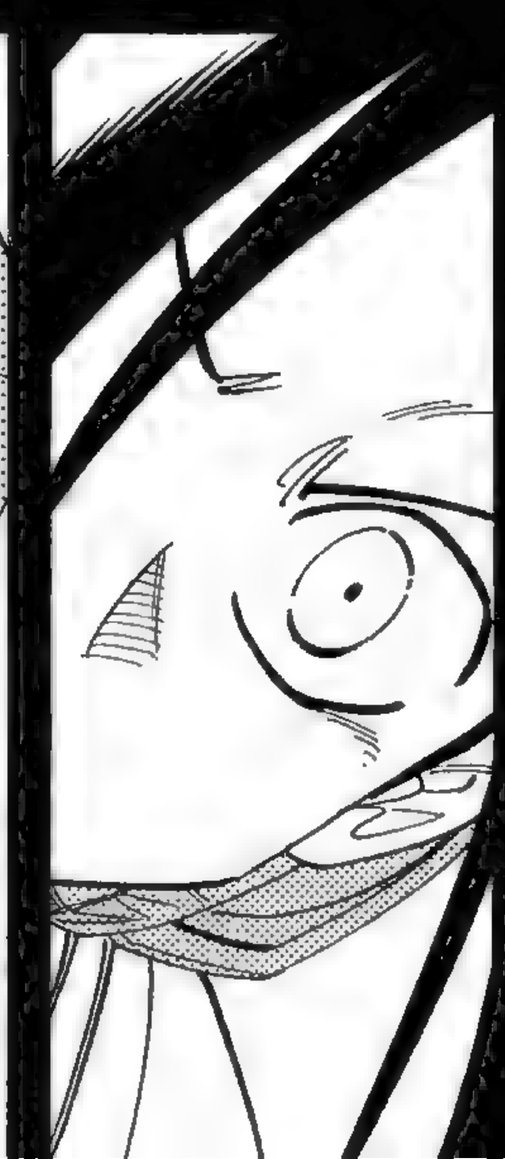
TOMP

HEY!

HE'S RUNNING AWAY AGAIN!!

IF ANNA RUNS OUT OF MANA ON THAT FREEZING MOUNTAIN, SHE'LL DIE!!





FOM

YOH!!

NO!!

YOU CAN'T GET THERE ON FOOT!

MT. OSORE IS CLOSED FOR THE WINTER!
WAIT!

AND THEN WHAT?!
I'LL GO IN YOUR PLACE!

YOH...

MATAMUNE, YOU REST!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO FADE AWAY!

SPLAT
...!!

SHLUP

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT. I MADE ANNA COME WITH ME TONIGHT!
WUNNA
WUNNA
WUNNA
UNH...

...THAT I'D BECOME THE SHAMAN KING AND SAVE HER.
AND I PROMISED HER...

...LET HER DIE.

I WON'T...

...BOY?

WHAT'S THE HURRY...

BUT...

SMALL WORLD.

!

ALLOW ME TO HELP YOU...TO SATISFY THE HONOR OF A RETIRED GENERAL.

I OWE YOU ONE.

I, UM...

...YOU'RE THE SOUVENIR SHOP OWNER.

YOU SEEM TO BE IN TROUBLE.

I'M HERE WITH MY GRANDSON. FATE MUST'VE BROUGHT US TOGETHER.

ハンガス

THOUGH NO LETTER OF LOVE
MY POEM IS THROUGH SOON
MY SOUL WILL ENJOY
A MORE HEAVENLY VIEW
LOVE IS HELLOS, GOODBYES
AND GOSSAMER
MT. OSORE LE VOILE
MT. OSORE, AU REVOIR

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GIANT DEMON

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MANTA (10 years old)

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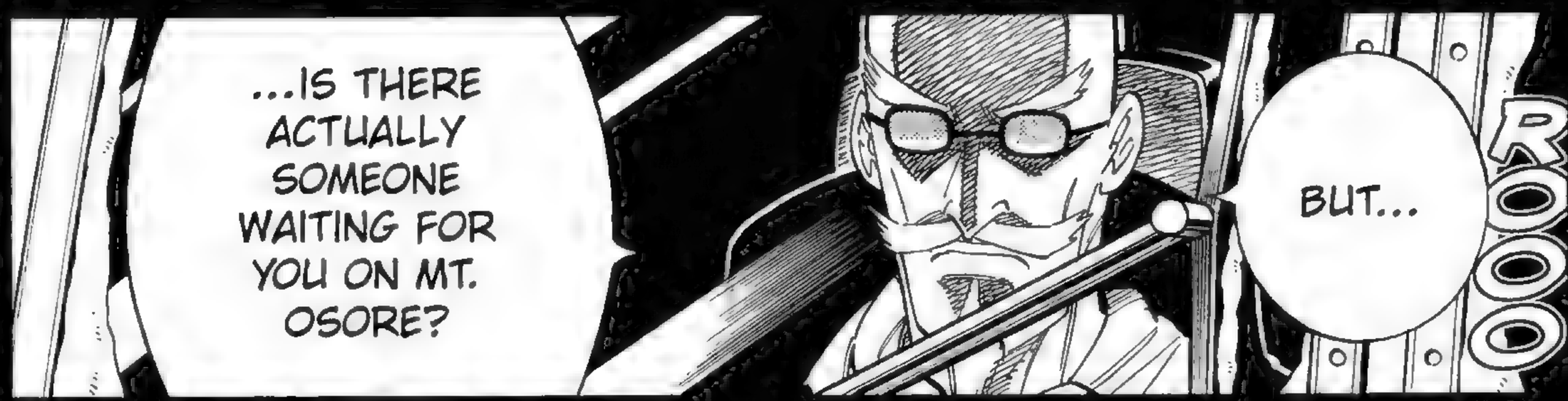
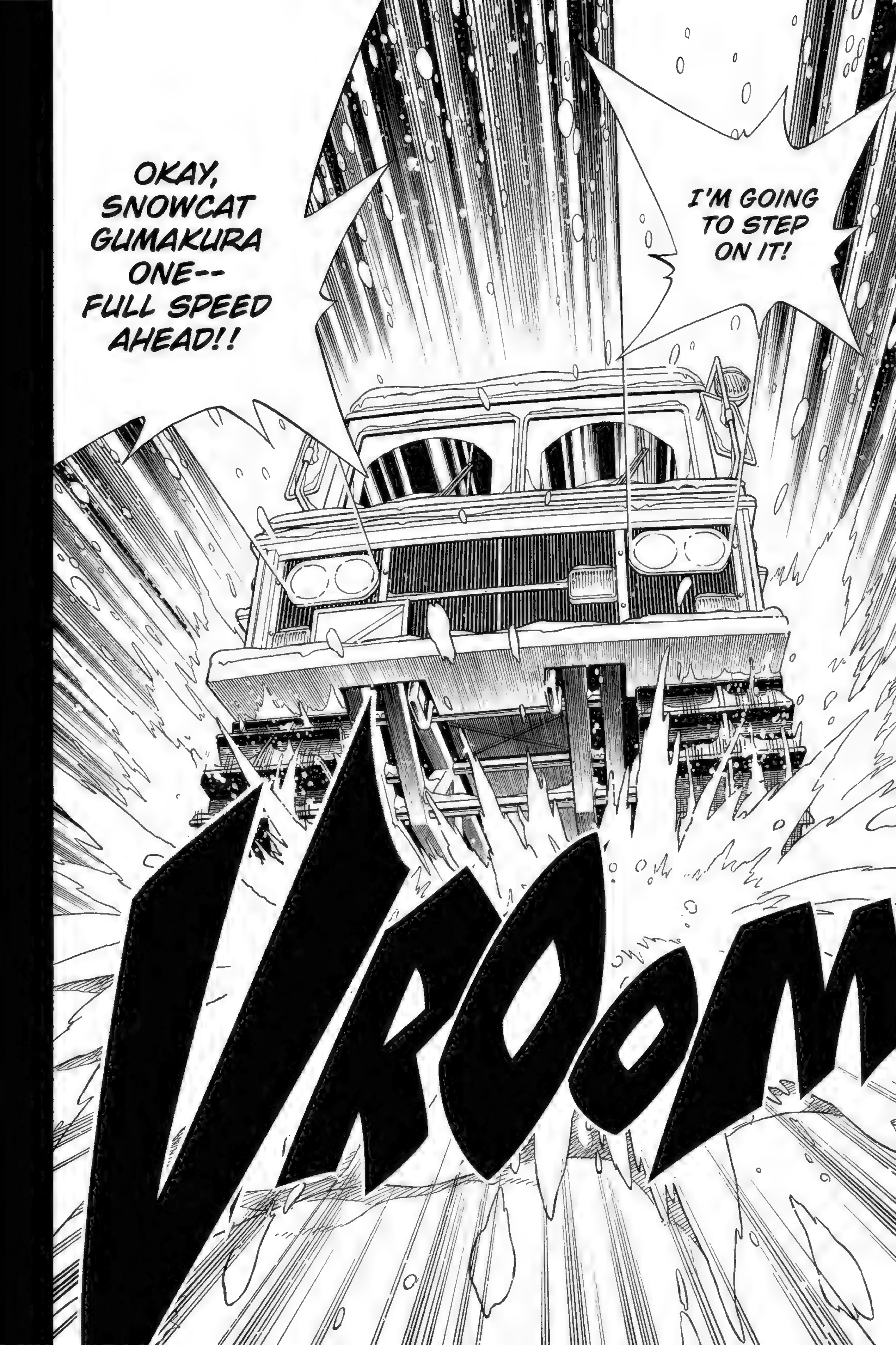
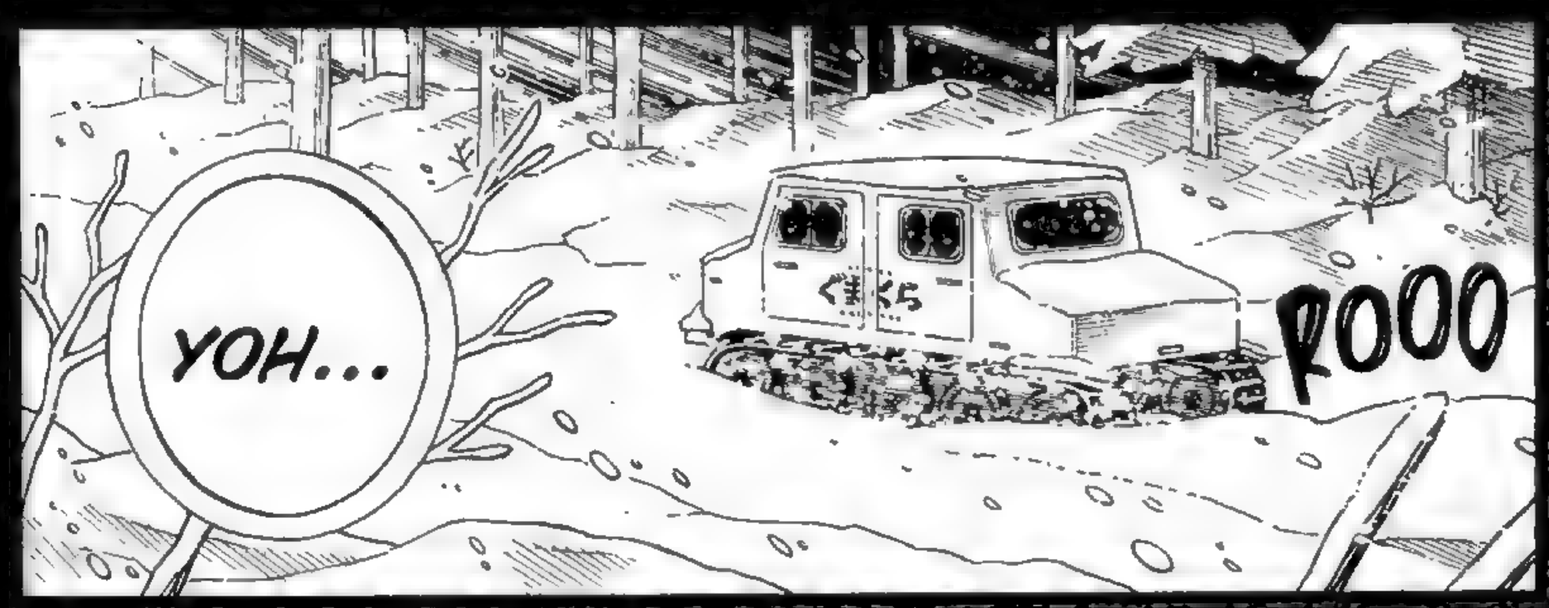



OKAY, SNOWCAT GUMAKURA ONE-- FULL SPEED AHEAD!!
I'M GOING TO STEP ON IT!



DOOR: GUMAKURA SOUVENIRS
WELCOME TO SHIMOKITA

AS YOU FEAR...

...THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO ONCE WE GET TO MT. OSORE.

AND THOUGH YOU'RE A SHAMAN, YOU'RE NOT YET READY TO FIGHT A DEMON.

MY MANA IS NEARLY DEPLETED.

...CAN ONLY BE DEFEATED BY ANOTHER DEMON.

A DEMON ...

THEN...

chak chak

...

BECAUSE I...

ANYWAY, I HAVE TO TRY.

I...

...

BANG

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ?!

MATA-MUNE?

LIFE'S PROBLEMS MUST BE CONFRONTED HEAD ON.

WISHFUL THINKING IS WORTHLESS UNLESS BACKED BY WORKS.

THERE IS STILL HOPE.

...AND ANNA DIES, THERE ARE STILL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO US.

IF THE WORST OCCURS...

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO DEFEAT THAT DEMON NOW.

LISTEN CAREFULLY ...

WOOOO
SHIN
WOOO
KRESH

THAT FEELS GOOD.

AHHH...

KLAK

KLAK.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT HERE...

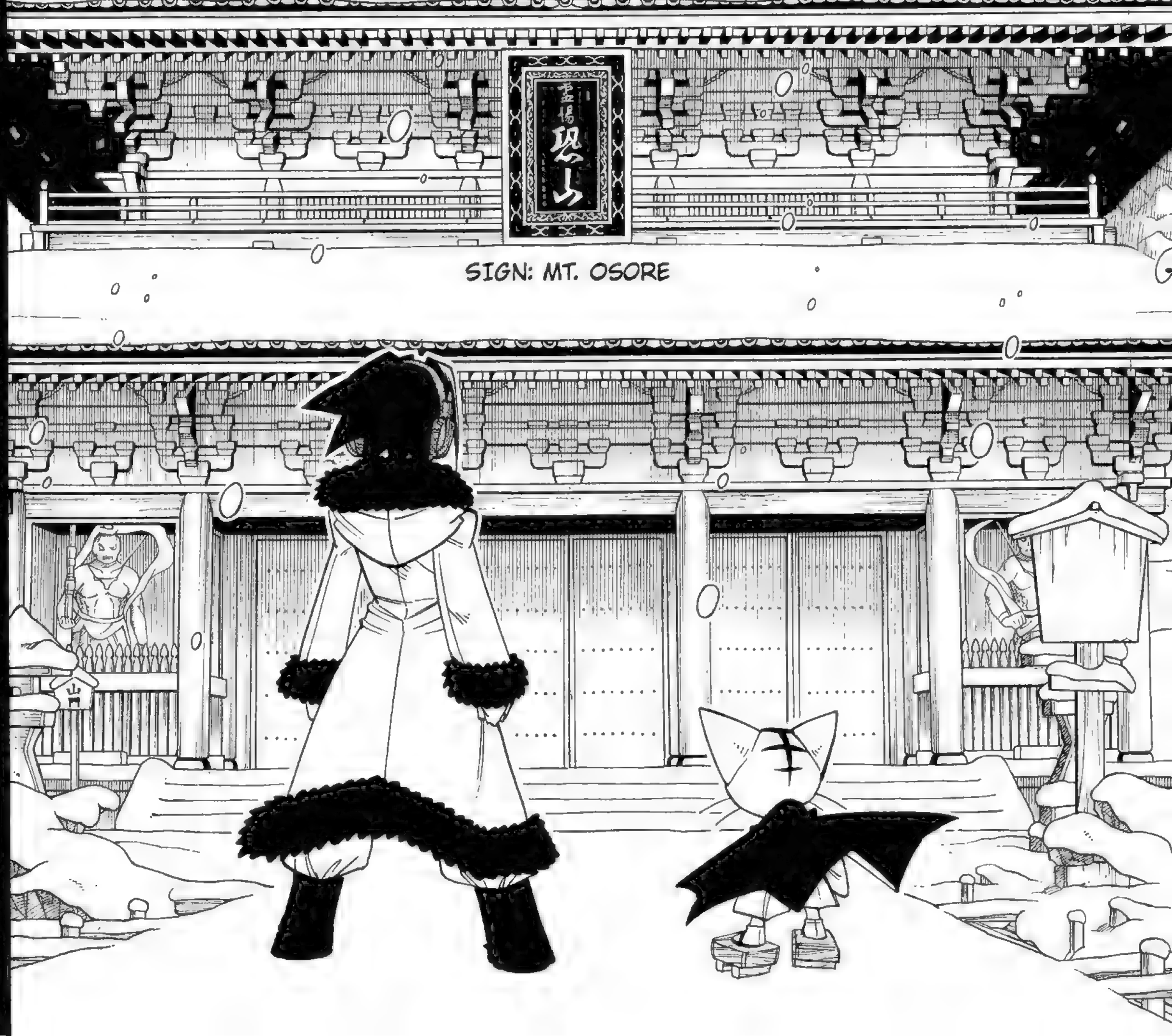
BLAST.

...TO COME HERE ALONE NOW THAT I'M AT MY FULL STRENGTH.

BUT YOU'VE GOT GUTS...

...ASAKURA?

EH, YOH...



WHERE'S ANNA?

GIANT DEMON...

SHWO

OO

EH?

YOU SEEM DIFFERENT SOMEHOW.

WHAT'S THIS?

HA...

...WHERE ANNA IS.

GLINT

TELL ME...

WHAT?!

I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SHE MAY STILL BE ALIVE.

DON'T GET UPSET.

SO I HEAPED VERBAL ABUSE ON HER IN ORDER TO ATTRACT AND COLLECT DEMON SPRITES. IT WORKED SPLENDIDLY.

WELL, AS YOU KNOW, I CAME HERE TO POWER UP.

IN THE END I GOT COMPLETELY FULL, AND SHE WANDERED OFF.

BUT TO MY SURPRISE, HER MANA NEVER GAVE OUT.

YOU FIEND!

...FOR MY FATHER.

ONE I PLACE...

THREE I PLACE FOR MY COUNTRY.

TWO I PLACE FOR MY MOTHER.

!

ANNA!!
SHUT UP!!

THOSE STONE JIZO SCARE EVERY-ONE.

WHO DO THOSE BULLIES THINK THEY ARE?
I HATE THEM ALL.

!
ANNA?!

AT LEAST SHE HASN'T LOST CONSCIOUSNESS, DESPITE THE MANA SHE'S EXPENDED.

HER MIND HAS BEEN AFFECTED.
ANNA...

...!!

YOU FORK-TAILED FOOL!!

"AT LEAST" ?!

WHAP

WHAP

!

YOU DON'T KNOW ...

...WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH!!

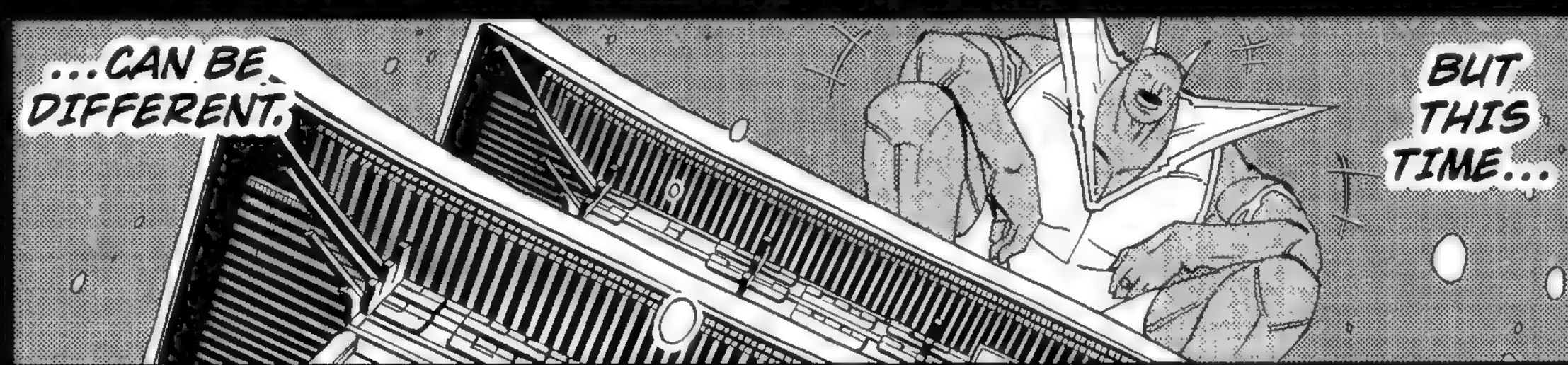
ANNA!

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HATE AND BE HATED!!

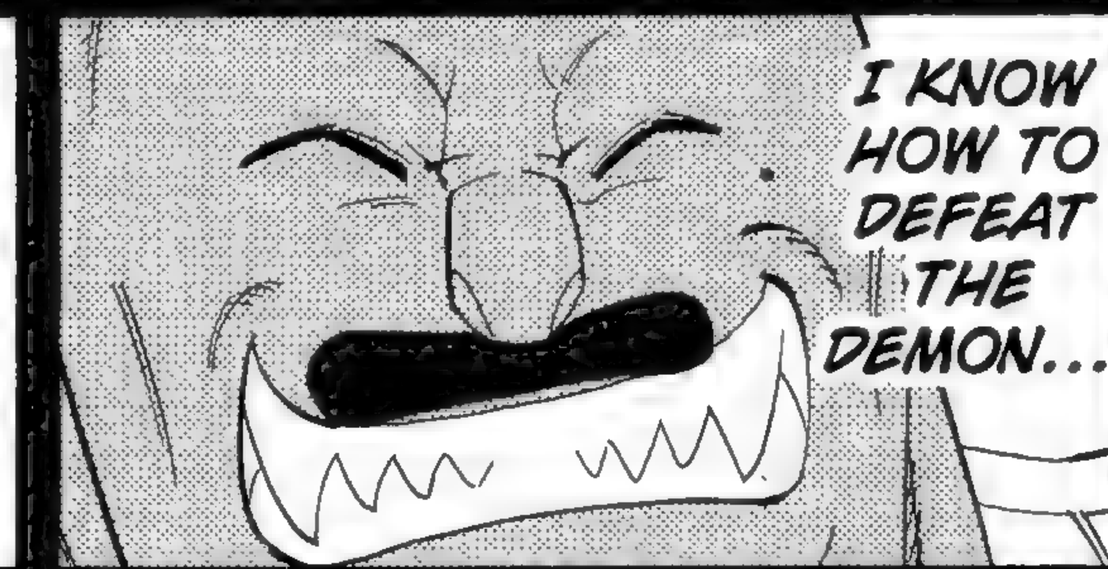
WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ABANDONED!

...AND I COULD NOT SAVE HIM.
LORD HAO SUFFERED LIKE THIS...

IT'S JUST LIKE BEFORE.


...CAN BE DIFFERENT.
BUT THIS TIME...

...AND SAVE THE GIRL.


I KNOW HOW TO DEFEAT THE DEMON...

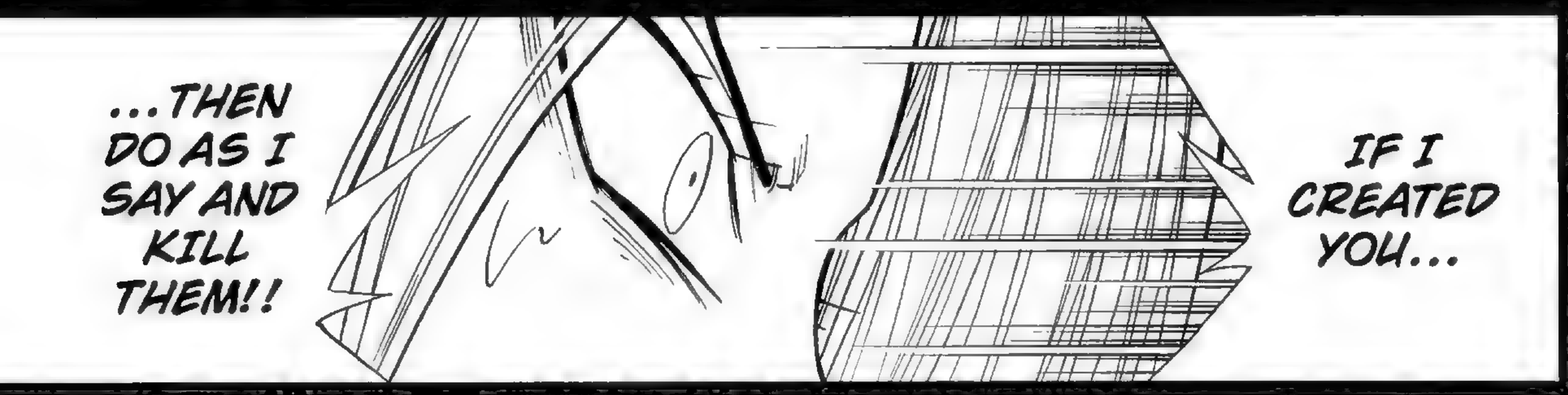
...SHE HAS YOH.
AND THIS TIME...

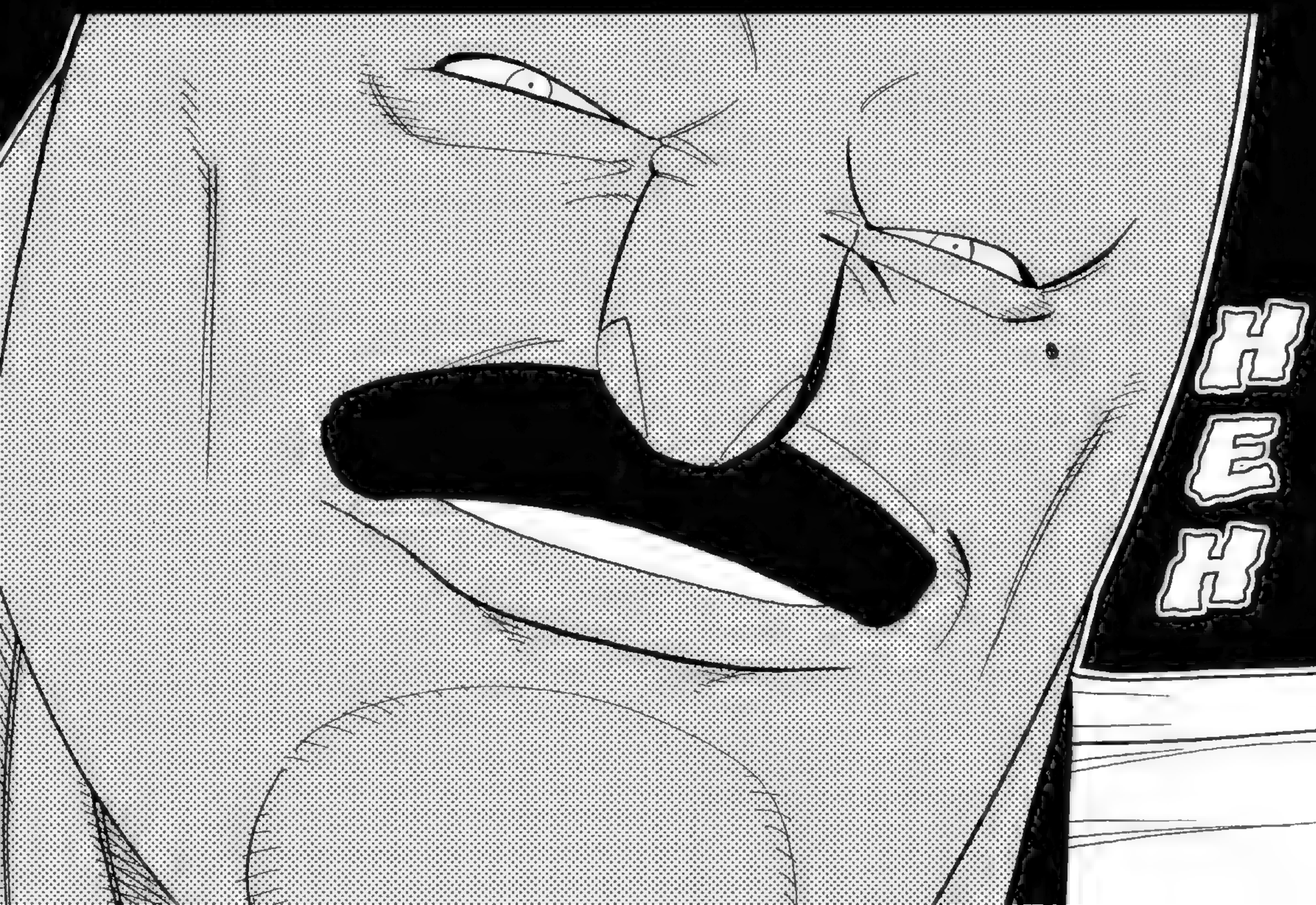
ARGH!

SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!!

CUT IT OUT, ANNA!

YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!





...MOMMY.

AS YOU WISH...

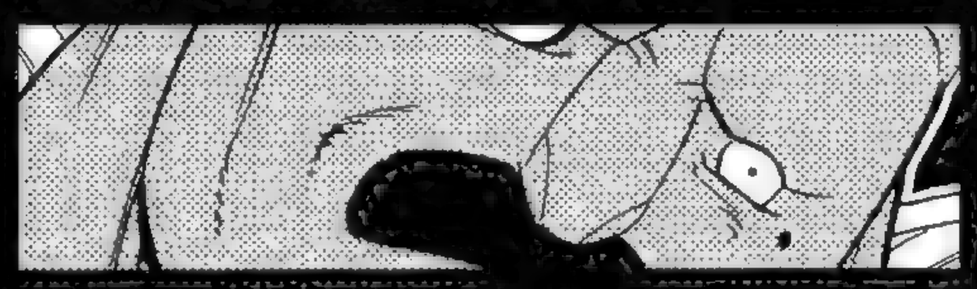
KRO-SH

THE TIME HAS COME, YOH.

I WILL OFFER MY HUMBLE SOUL AND BE AT PEACE.

I'VE OUTLIVED MY TIME.

SWUP



FAREWELL, MATAMUNE!!

SOUL INTEGRATION!!

ぐまくらいさお
ISAO GUMAKURA

1995
(DIC)

BIRTHDAY: SEPT. 22, 1911
ASTROLOGICAL SIGN: VIRGO
BLOOD TYPE: A
84 YEARS OLD

FLASH

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BUT... HOW?!

SOUL INTEGRATION ?!

RRRMM...

THAT'S A DEMON'S POWER!!

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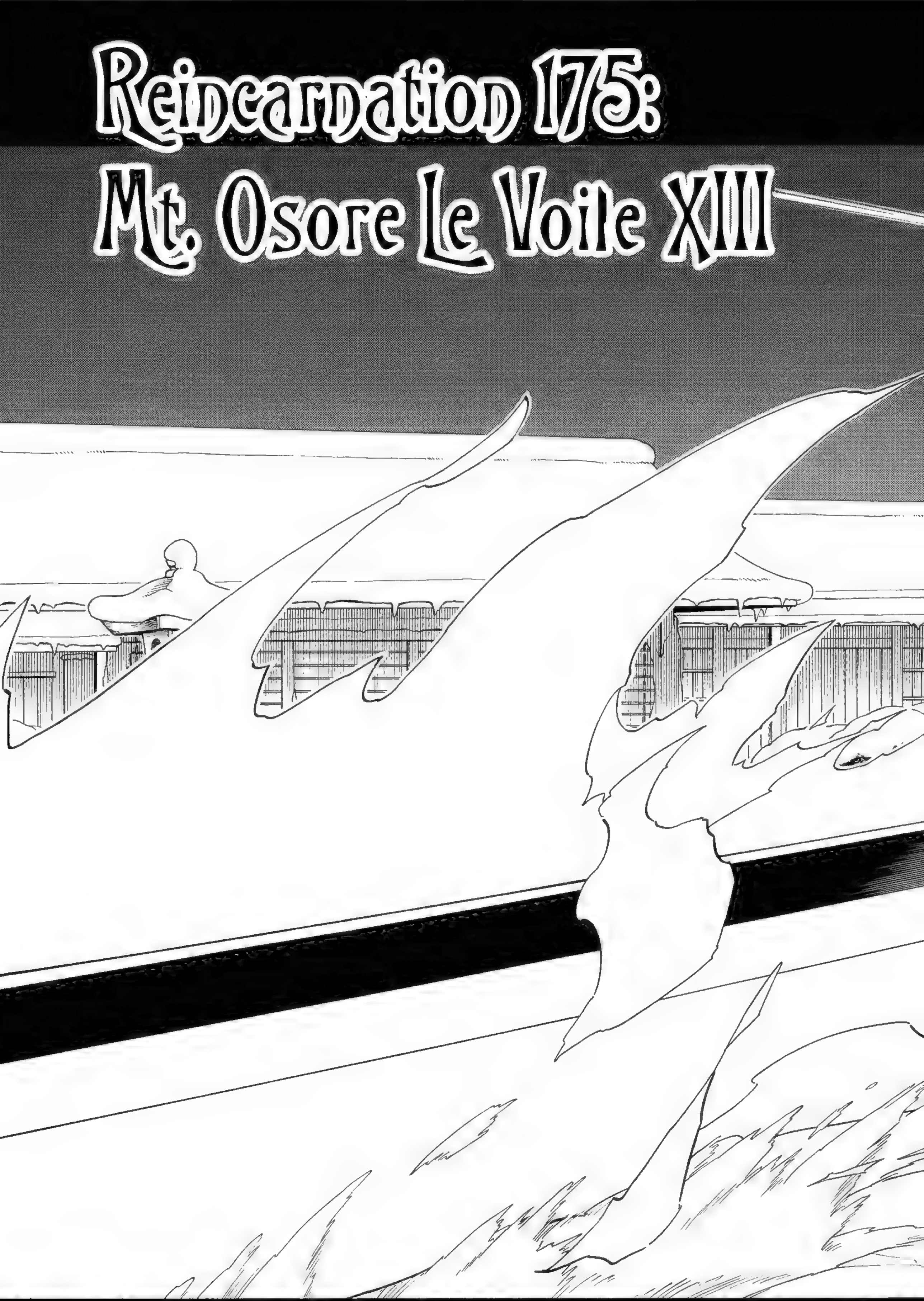


IMPOSSIBLE.
HEH
THAT'S WHAT MATAMUNE CALLED IT.
OGRE SLAYER.
IT BELONGED TO THE SPLIT-TAILED CAT.
AND THAT SWORD ...

YOU THINK THAT GIVES YOU A CHANCE AGAINST ME?! HA!! I'M ALL POWERED UP!!

SO WHAT ?!

WHERE IS THAT LITTLE KITTY HIDING?!

WOOMF

SHUK
...IS RIGHT HERE.
MATAMUNE ...
HUH?
...
THUMP

AND NOW...

...HE CAN'T MATERIALIZE HIS BODY FOR HIMSELF.

SHEEN

MATAMUNE...

...GIANT DEMON!!

...MERGED WITH ME SO THAT I COULD DEFEAT YOU...

WE MUST PERFORM ...

...SOUL INTEGRATION.

BUT MY BODY WILL DEMATERIALIZE.

WE CAN OVERPOWER THE DEMON IF I TRANSFER MY REMAINING MANA TO OGRE SLAYER.

...AND ENTER YOUR BODY TO DEFEAT THE DEMON.

I'LL HAVE TO BECOME A GHOST...

...IS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE GIRL.

THAT...

LIKE THE DEMON'S, MY BODY WAS CREATED BY A HUMAN SPELL.

LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME.

WHAT?

...I WON'T HAVE THE POWER TO TAKE PHYSICAL FORM AGAIN.

ONCE THAT SPELL IS BROKEN...

BUT...

WE JUST MET...

I MEAN...

AND NOW...

KRK

...!!

TWITCH

NO! I WON'T ACCEPT THAT!!

ISN'T THERE SOME OTHER WAY?!

WE HAVE TO SAY GOOD-BYE ?!

!

ALWAYS LET YOUR HEART CHOOSE YOUR PATH, YOH.

YOU MUSTN'T LET ANYTHING ...

...DESTROY YOUR FAITH.

I TOLD YOU THAT THE DAY WE ARRIVED.

FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IT'S HAUNTED ME.

BUT ONE DAY I LOST FAITH IN HIM.

LONG AGO THERE WAS A MAN I WANTED TO PROTECT.

FAITH?

THE DARK SIDE OF HUMAN HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF EVEN NOW.

...WORLDLY CARES.

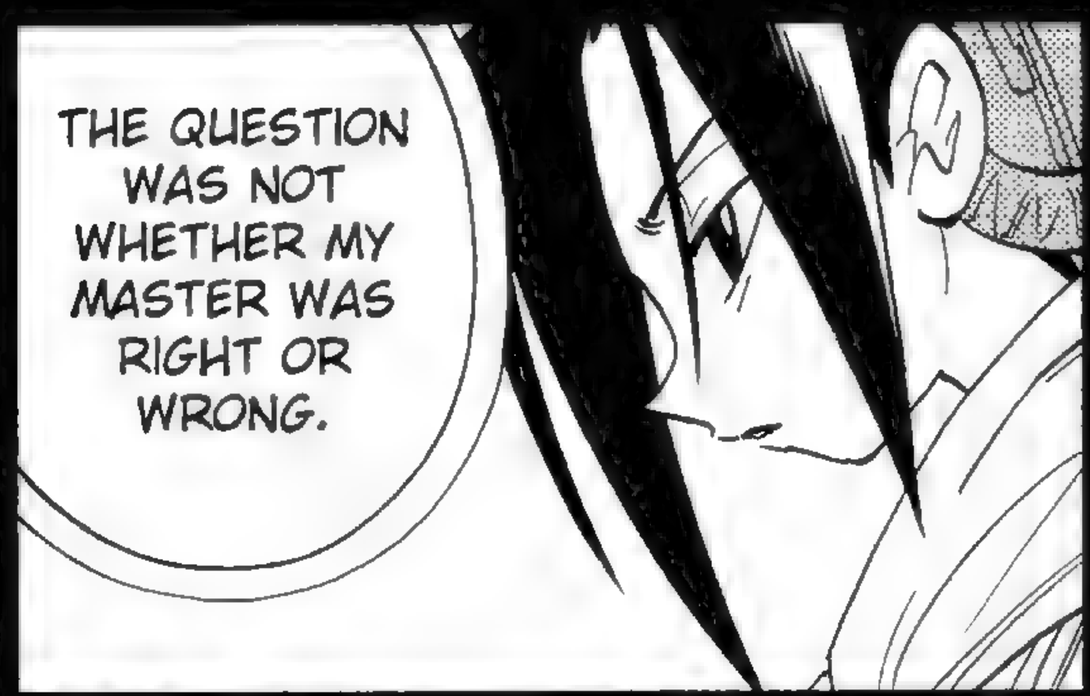
...AND COUNTLESS ...

THEY LABOR UNDER THE WEIGHT OF PAST MISTAKES...

PEOPLE BECOME EMBROILED IN WARS...

...IS THEIR INABILITY TO HAVE FAITH IN OTHERS.

AND THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS SORROW...



YOU MAY BE BETRAYED, BUT IF YOU HAVE FAITH, YOU WILL NEVER TAKE THE FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TO HOSTILITY.

THE PATH OF HAPPINESS IS THE PATH OF FAITH.

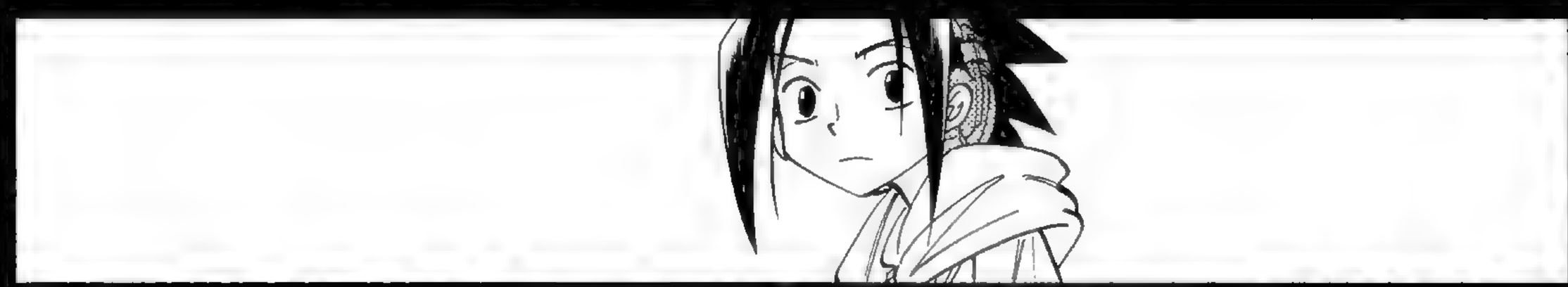
AND FAITH IS THE TRUE ESSENCE OF LOVE.

YOH, ANNA IS THE ONE YOU MUST PROTECT.
WHAT AM I SAYING?

MATA-MUNE...

WE MAY YET MEET AGAIN.
BESIDES...

BUT...!
I AM ALREADY DEAD.
THERE IS ONLY ONE REASONABLE CHOICE FOR YOU.



THEN...!

NOD

...YOUR BODY WAS MADE BY A SPELL.
OH YEAH, YOU SAID...

...WILL I BE ABLE TO MAKE A NEW BODY FOR YOU?!

IF I GET TO BE AS POWERFUL AS YOUR FORMER MASTER...

YOU WILL BECOME HIS EQUAL, YOH.

IN FACT, YOU MUST SURPASS HIM.

YOU MUST DO WHAT I COULD NOT: SAVE HIM.

I HAVE NO MORE REGRETS.

...MY SOUL WILL HAVE RETURNED TO ITS INTENDED RESTING PLACE.

BY THE TIME THIS BATTLE IS OVER...

...IS NOW BEFORE ME.

THAT FOR WHICH I HAVE SEARCHED A THOUSAND YEARS...

ドガ…

KOFF!
PLURT
YOU ARE A FRIEND WHOM I CAN TRUST WITH ANYTHING.
HAVE FAITH IN THE GIRL.
THE HEART IS A PRE-CIOUS THING.

YOU MUST PROTECT HER...NO MATTER WHAT.

KNOW THIS AT LEAST...
KNOW THIS AT LEAST.

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1995
(DEC)

パワーアップ!大鬼

POWERED-UP GIANT DEMON

PLOSH

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GRAAH!!

GGHHAA

GAH!

BAH!

BUH!

DO YOU TAKE ME FOR A FOOL?!
SHOO
SHOO
HUH?!
SHF!

MY LEGS ARE FADING!! I CAN'T STAND UP!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?!

WOOS

?!

HUFF

HUFF

WHAT ...?!

IS THIS HIS WORK?

HUFF

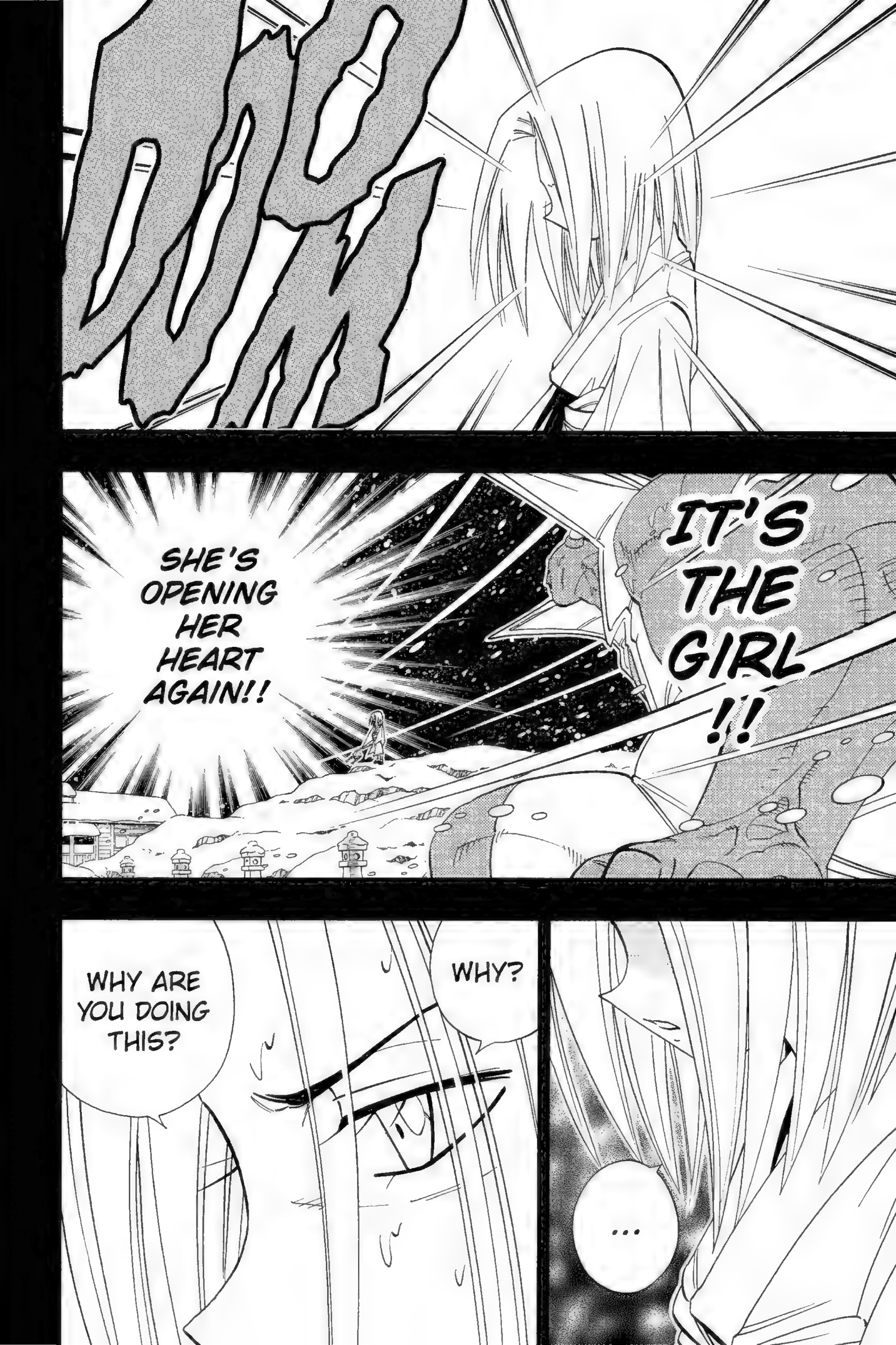
HUFF

NO !!

HUFF

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT MEDIUM-SIZED DEMON!

NO !!


SHE'S OPENING HER HEART AGAIN!!
IT'S THE GIRL!!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
WHY?
...

...JUST TO SAVE ME?

WHY DO ALL THIS...

SACRIFICING SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT...

RISKING YOUR LIFE...

!

...THE WHOLE WORLD!!

AND FOR WHAT?

I STILL HATE...

KRK...

...A BAD PERSON.

I'M...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MOMMY?!

YOU CAN'T LET HIM PACIFY YOU SO EASILY!!

!

BLAST!

REMEMBER...

...YOUR SUFFERING!!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL THOSE BITTER YEARS?!

HOLD ON TO YOUR GRUDGE!!

YOUR HATRED !!

...NEVER FORGET.

I WILL...

...!

...

...HATE THIS WORLD!

I WILL ALWAYS...

THERE'S SOMETHING STRONGER THAN HATE.

BUT...

KRK

I LOVE SOMEONE.

AND YOU, GIANT DEMON, WILL BE SNUFFED OUT.

I'LL KILL YOU !!
PUNCH
GRAHH
I'LL KILL YOU AND DRAG YOU DOWN TO HELL WITH ME!!
BWAH HA HA
HA HA
HA HA!!
BWAH HA HA HA HA !!

RIGHT HAND!!

SMASH HER TO A PULP!!

TAKE REVENGE ON THE ONE WHO SEVERED YOU!!

YOU TURNED YOUR BACK ON ME, BOY!

UNH!

NOW'S MY CHANCE!
PSH

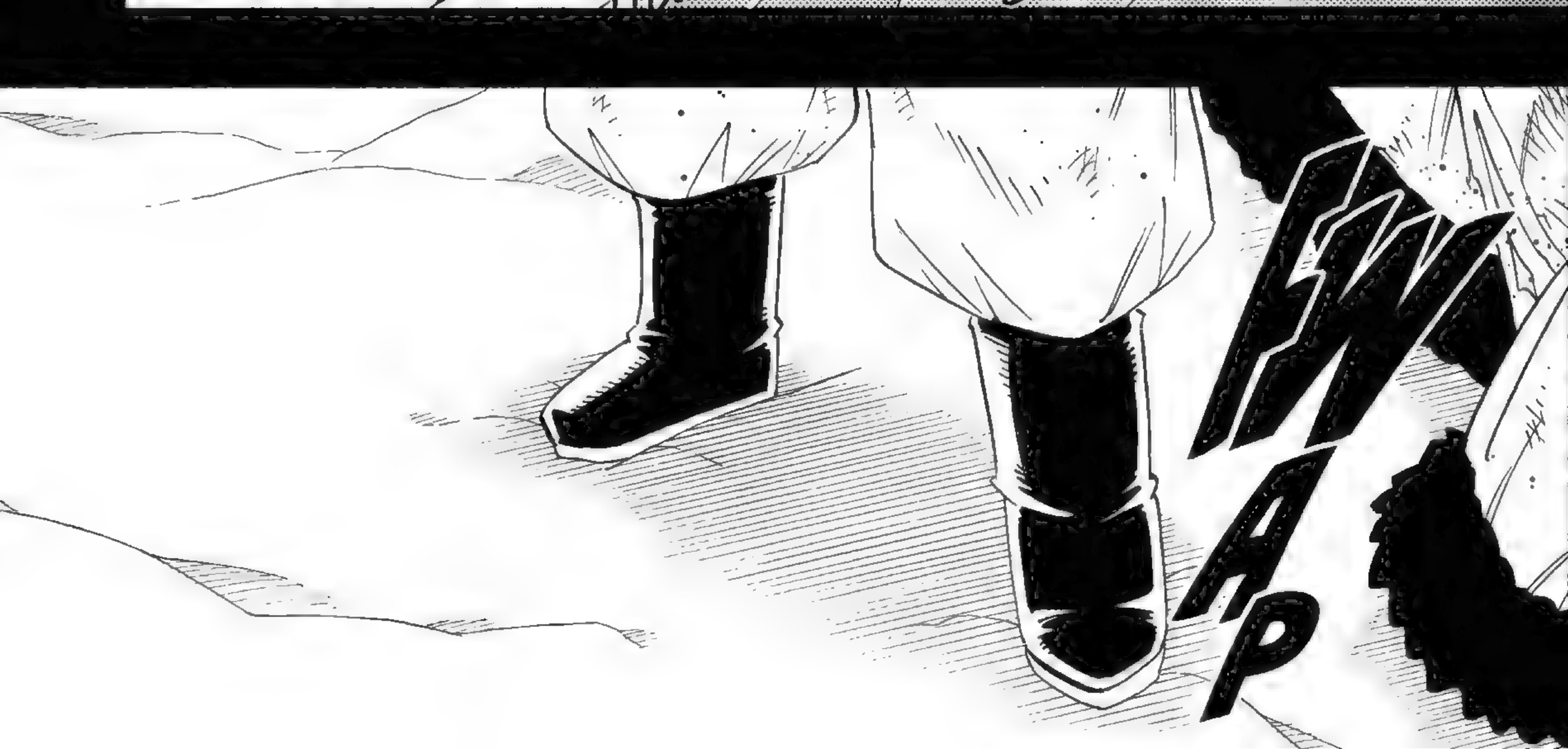
GO, ALL OF YOU!! KILL!!
HA HA HA!
FOOM FOOM FOOM
DEMON DRUM ROLL!!
WOOS!
BITE! SHRED! SMASH!
WOOSH
RRM RM
BWA HA HA HA! BWA HA HA HA! BWA HA HA HA!
HUH?!

N...
NO!
MY DEMON SPRITES!

NOD

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ANNA?
THERE'S BLOOD ON YOU.

GOOD.
I'D BETTER FINISH THIS BEFORE IT'S ALL GONE.
FWIK
FWIK FWIK
WELL, THAT USED UP A LOT OF MANA.


FWAP

I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU.

I'M GLAD I GOT TO KNOW YOU.

I GUESS...

...IT'S TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE, MATAMUNE.

AND I PROMISE ...

...I'LL USE THIS TO BRING YOU BACK SOMEDAY.

GOOD-BYE.

ULTRA SENJI RYAKKETSU: CRESCENT MOON PURIFICATION.

THAT WAS THE LAST TECHNIQUE MATAMUNE DID WITH ME.

...AS WAS MATAMUNE'S BODY.

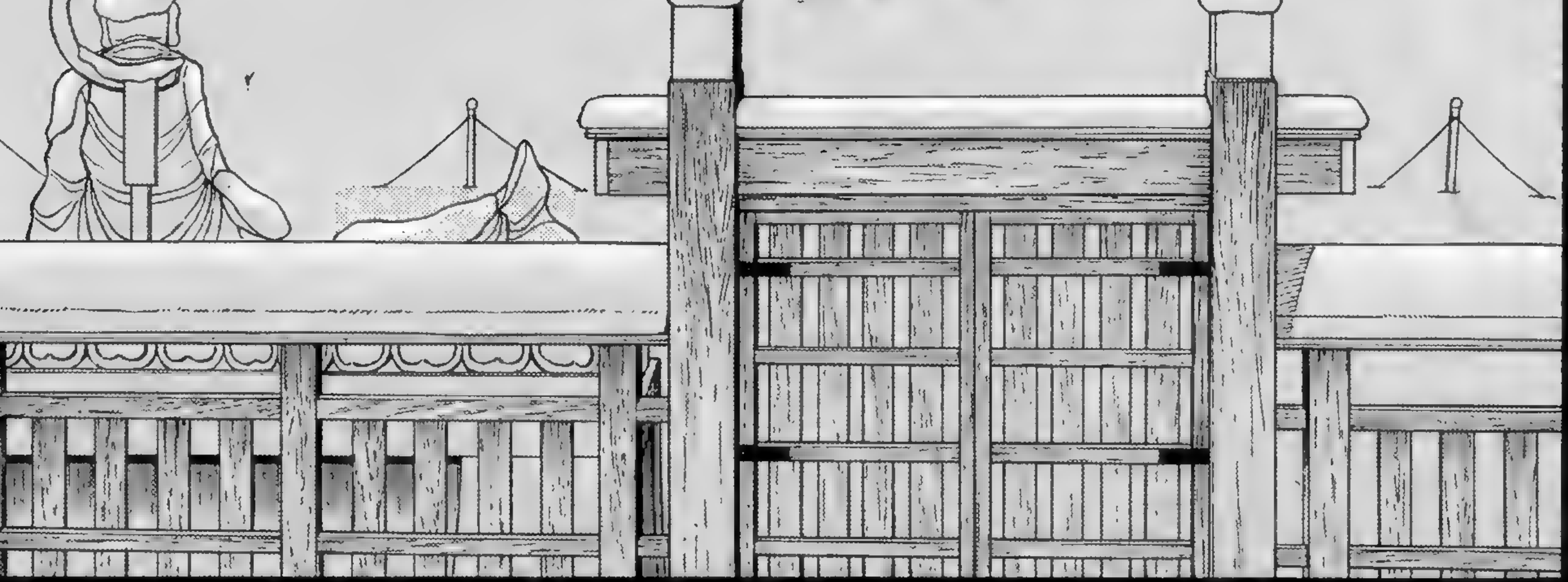
I KNOW NOW THAT THOSE DEMONS WERE OVER SOULS...

THAT TRIP HELPED PREPARE ME FOR EVERYTHING THAT WAS TO COME.

BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT TERM BACK THEN.

GRANDMA PICKED UP ALL 1,080 BEADS THAT WERE THE MEDIUMS FOR THE DEMON SPRITES ON MT. OSORE AND STRUNG THEM TOGETHER. I KEPT MATAMUNE'S MEDIUM WITH ME.

THE JOURNEY WAS OVER.



OR SO IT SEEMED.

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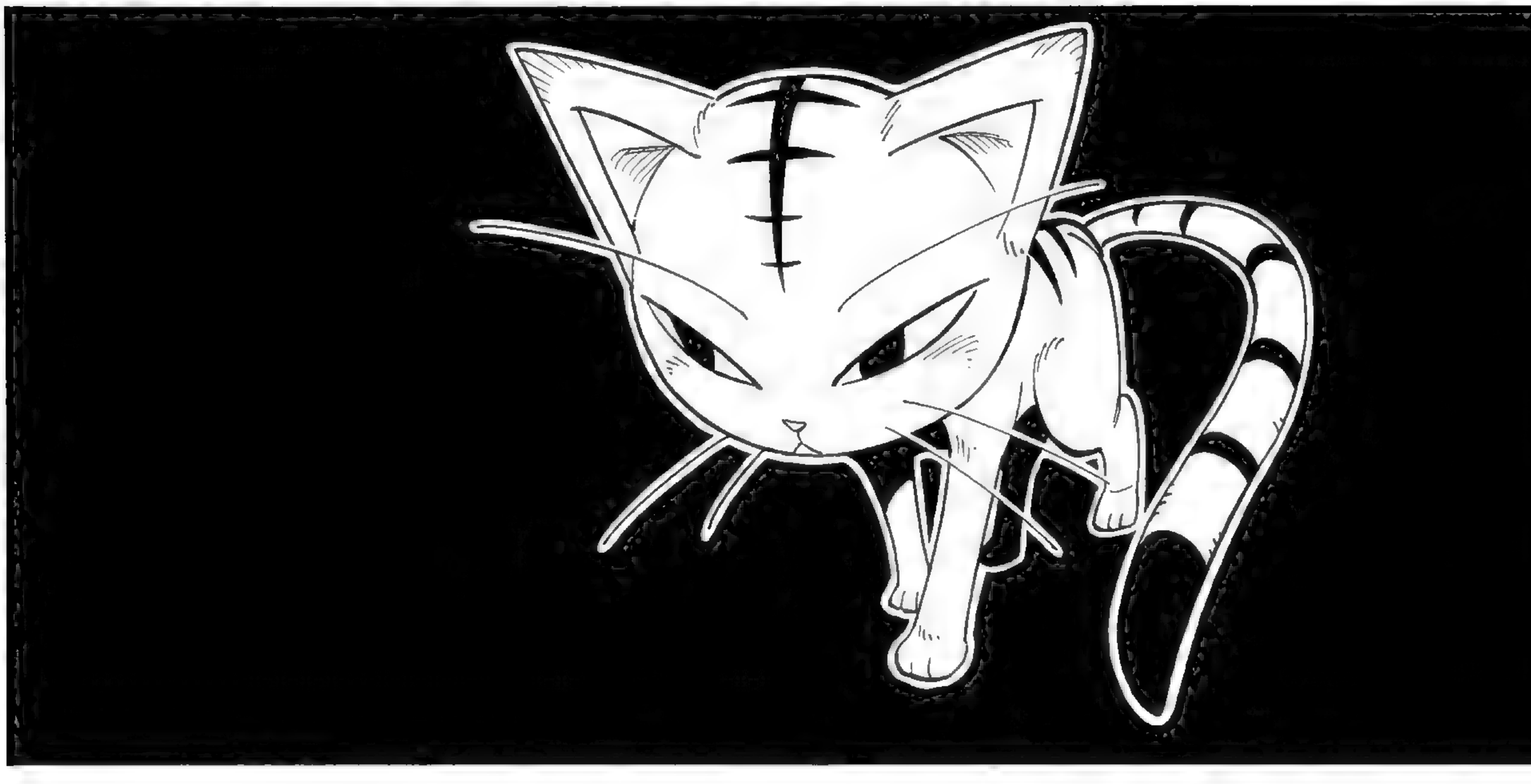
STRAY MATAMUNE



MATAMUNE DEFEATED THE DEMON AND FOUND REST AT LAST.
YES.
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STILL, IT ALL TURNED OUT BETTER THAN WE EXPECTED.
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT I STILL MISS HIM.

YOHMEI, WE'VE FOUND YOH A FIANCÉE.
安井旅館
SIGN: CHEEP INN

Reincarnation 177: Epilogue

PHEW.

下北駅
SHIMOKITA STATION
しもきた
ZUNTRY

THANKS FOR SEEING ME OFF.

I'M FINE NOW.

OKAY, GRANDMA.

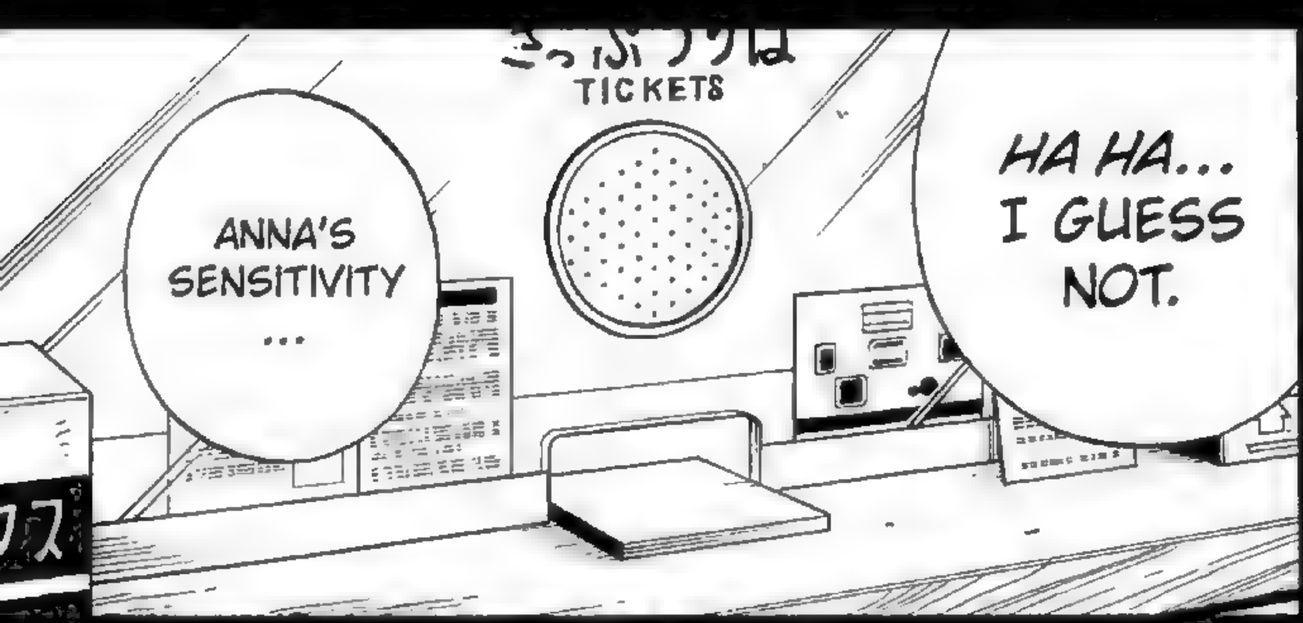
YEAH. I'D LOVE TO SPEND IT KICKING BACK HERE...

BUT YOU HAVEN'T FULLY RECOVERED YET.

AND DON'T YOU STILL HAVE SOME WINTER BREAK LEFT?

SHE DIDN'T COME OUT OF HER ROOM ONCE THIS WHOLE WEEK.

...BUT IT MIGHT MAKE ANNA UNCOMFORTABLE.



SHE'S A PROBLEM CHILD, BUT TAKE CARE OF HER.

SHE MAY BE DIFFERENT THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE HER.

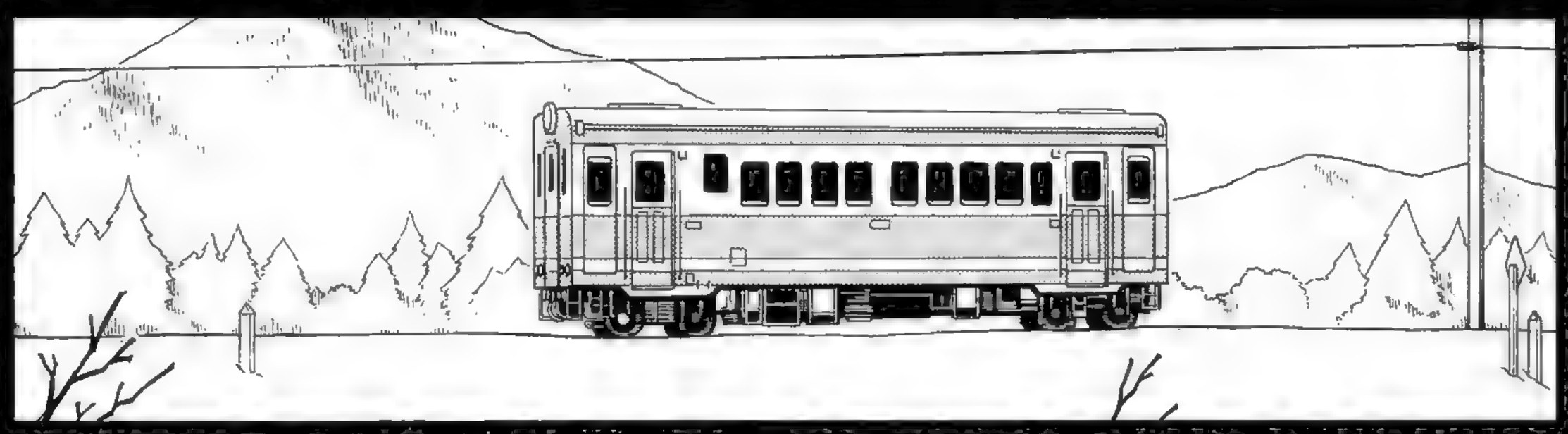
I WILL.

HOLD ON.

WELL, MY TRAIN'S HERE.

...OH.
NEW YEAR'S MONEY?

THIS IS FOR YOU.

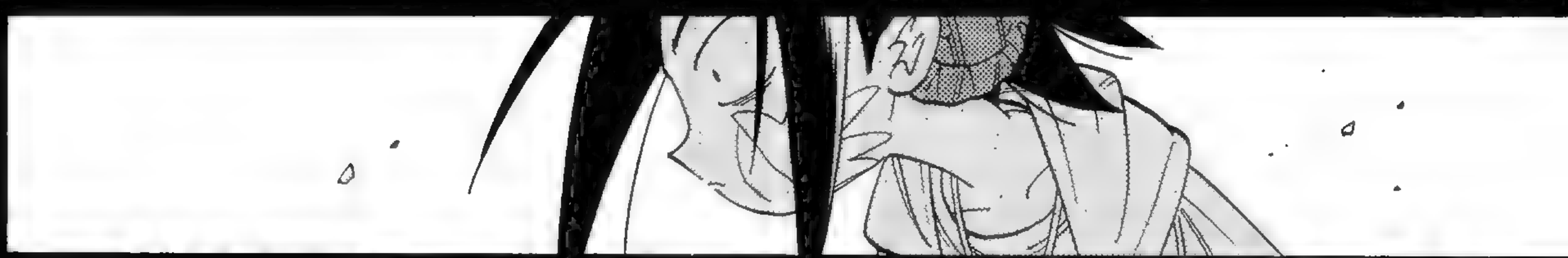


YEAH, OKAY.
WHY DON'T YOU JUST OPEN IT?
I WONDER WHAT IT IS.

...

HUH?

LONG TIME NO SEE.



YOU DEFEATED MY DEMONS.

I'M BETTER NOW.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?!

AND... THAT OUTFIT ...!

...I DECIDED TO TRY TO LEARN TO CONTROL MY POWER.

I THOUGHT IT WAS HOPELESS, BUT AFTER WHAT YOU DID...

...WHETHER I HAVE THIS POWER OR NOT.

...WANT TO SUFFER LIKE THAT AGAIN...

I NEVER...

I WANT TO BE STRONG.

THANK YOU.

SO I WANTED TO SAY...

I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.

SHE'S PLENTY STRONG RIGHT NOW.

I'LL GET OFF AT THE NEXT STATION.

OKAY.

...SAT SILENTLY AS THE TRAIN RATTLED DOWN THE TRACK.

ANNA AND I...

DING DING DING

...BUT SHE'D TAKEN THE TRAIN FROM ONE STATION TO THE NEXT...

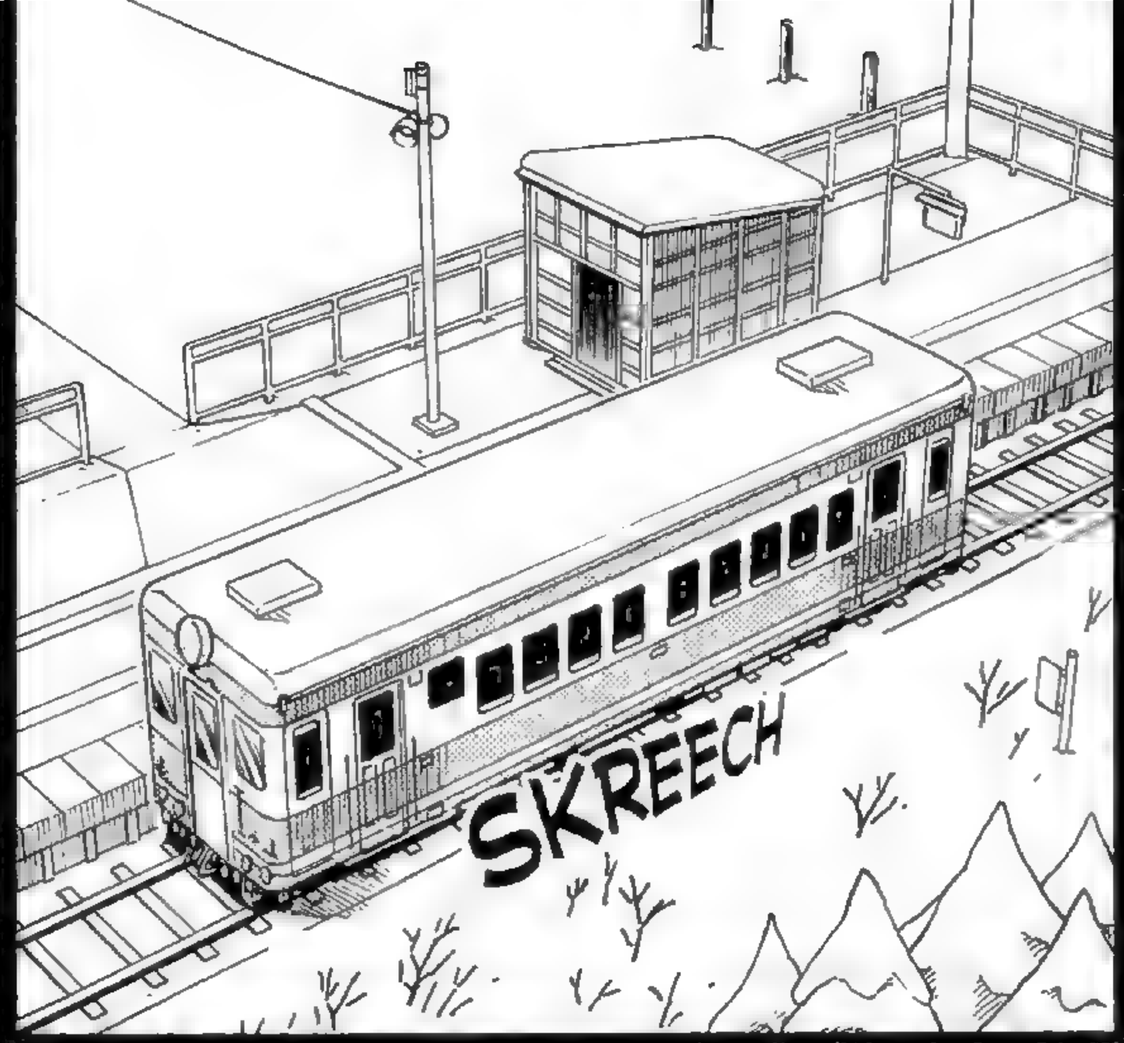
I WASN'T SURE WHY...

SHE'S CUTE WHEN SHE'S NOT HITTING ME!

OH WELL...

DID SHE DO ALL THIS JUST SO GRANDMA WOULDN'T SEE HER?

...JUST TO THANK ME.


SKREECH

SHE READ MY MIND.
SHAKE
SHAKE
BLU
SH

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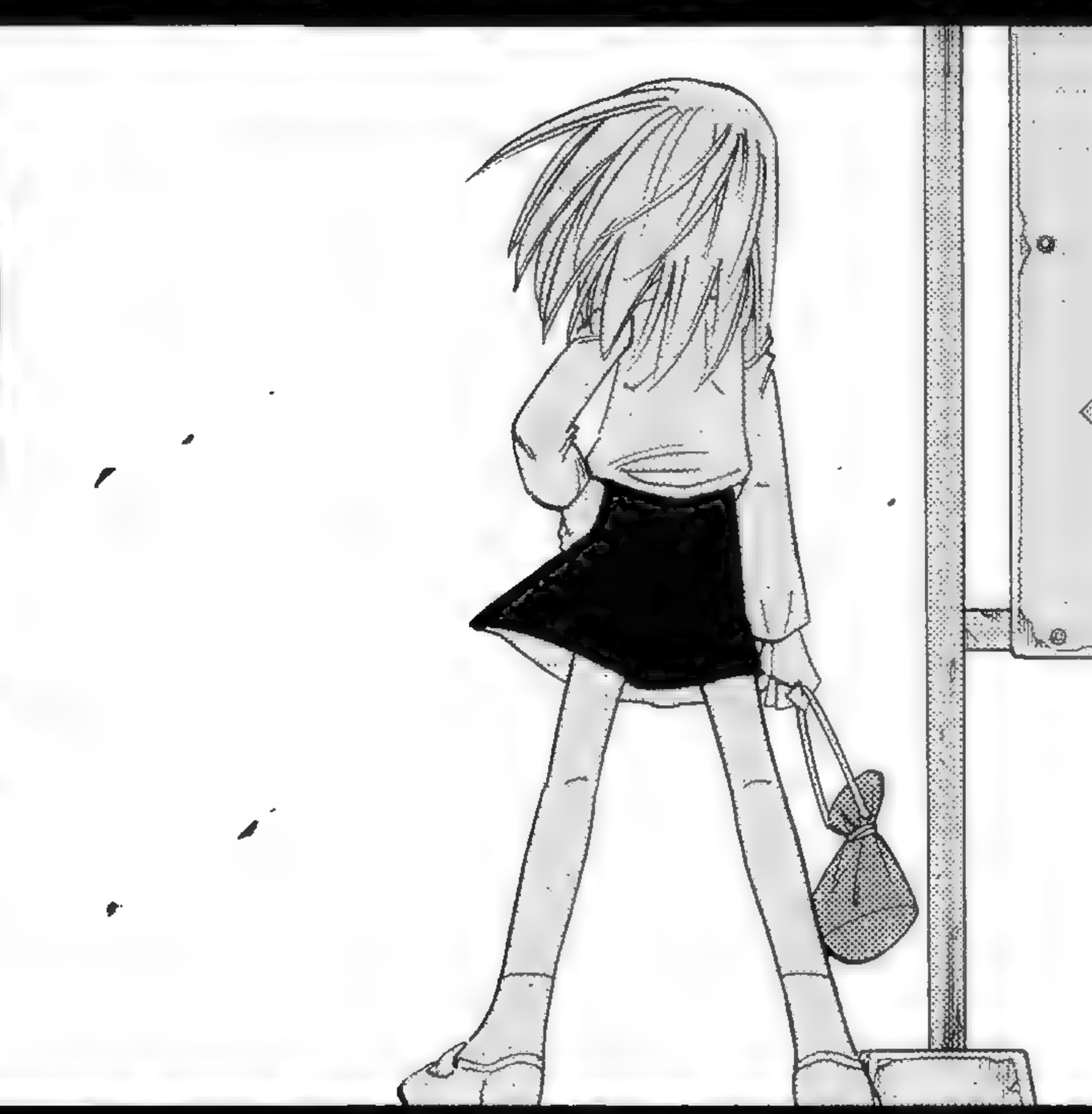


I DON'T THINK I'LL FORGIVE YOU IF YOU LET ME DOWN.
I'M GONNA HOLD YOU TO YOUR PROMISE.

IT WAS A TEARFUL GOOD-BYE.

SHE MADE ME CRY EVERY TIME I SAW HER.

GOOD-BYE.

I OPENED THE ENVELOPE GRANDMA HAD GIVEN ME AND FOUND A LETTER INSIDE.

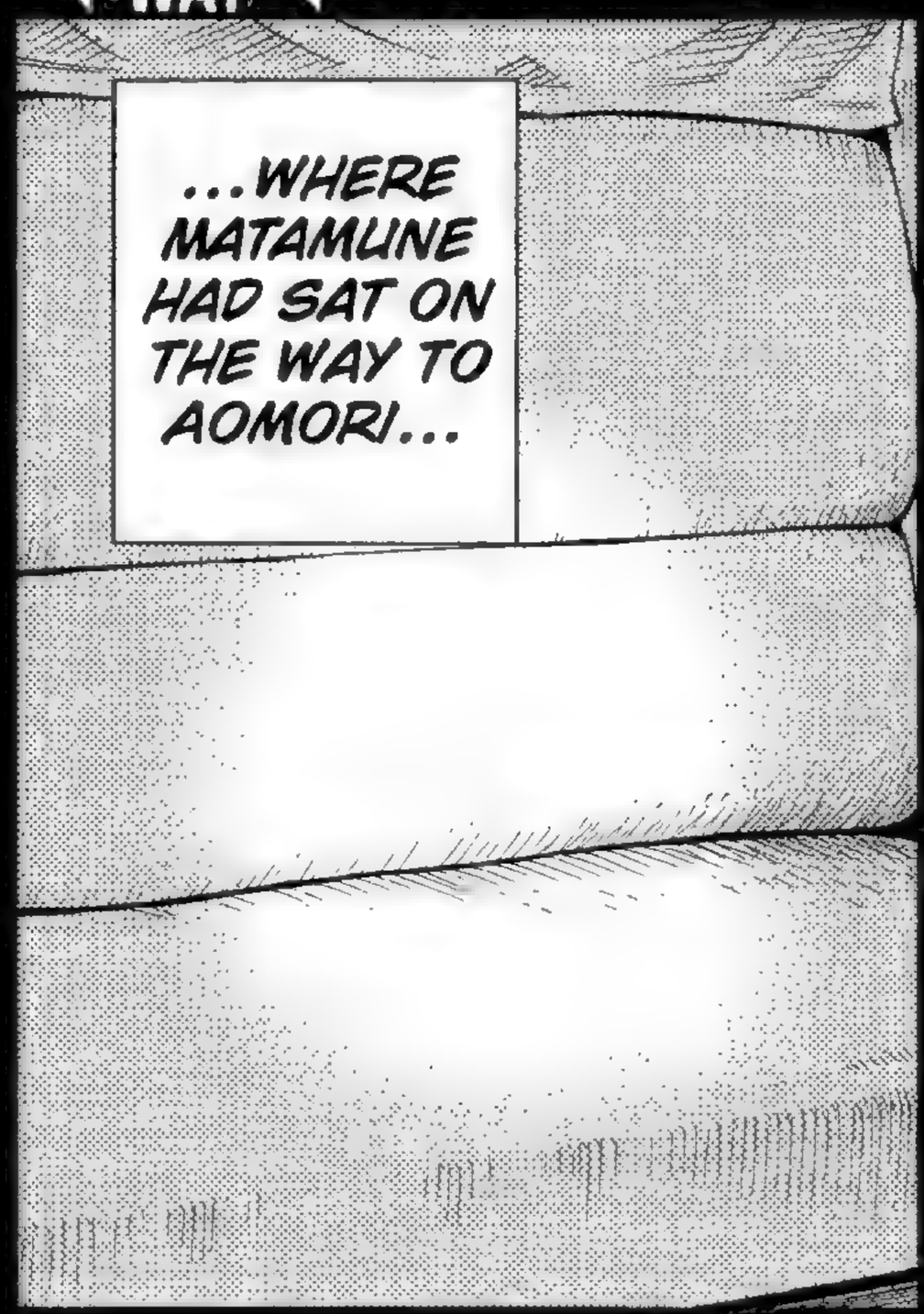
SIGN: BOX LUNCHES

SIGN: AOMORI STATION

IT WAS FROM MATAMUNE.–

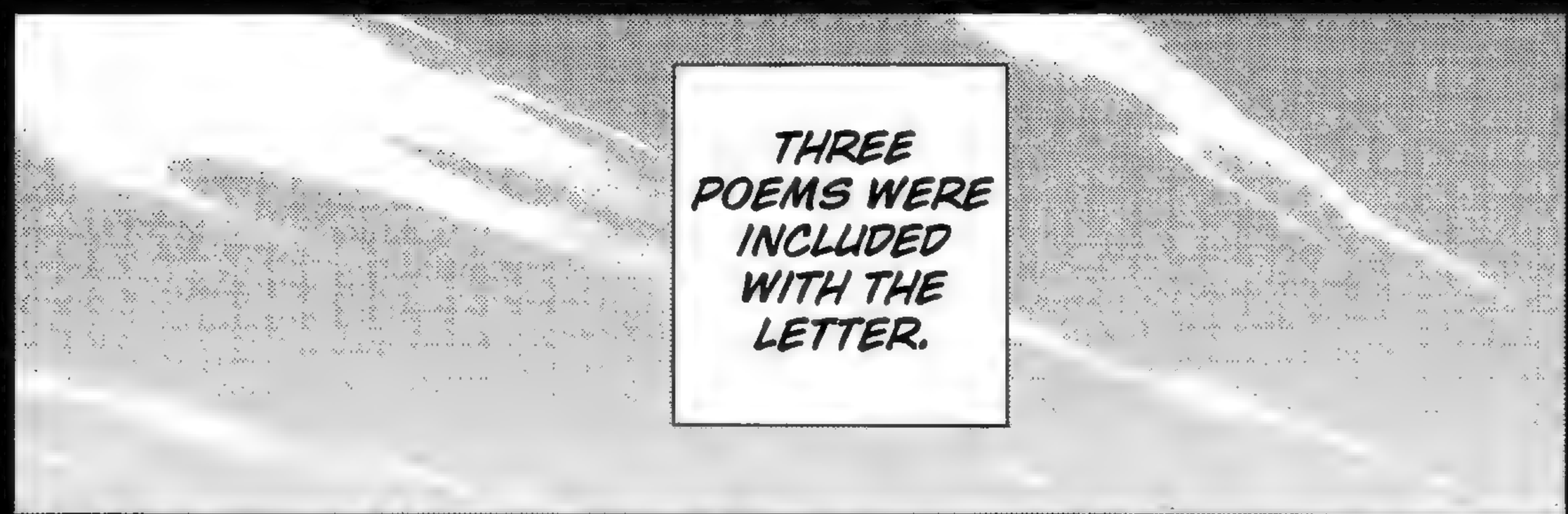
HIS HANDWRITING WAS EITHER TOO FANCY OR TOO SLOPPY FOR ME TO READ MOST OF IT.

HE'D WRITTEN IT BEFORE HE LEFT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.


...WHERE MATAMUNE HAD SAT ON THE WAY TO AOMORI...

BUT AS I SAT LOOKING AT THE EMPTY SEAT ACROSS FROM ME...

...I GOT TEARS IN MY EYES AGAIN.


THREE POEMS WERE INCLUDED WITH THE LETTER.

MT. OSORE LE VOILE

FOR YOH
THE ONE WHO AWAITS YOU
WILL NEVER LET YOU FEEL LONELY
KNOW THIS AT LEAST
KNOW THIS AT LEAST

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WILL NEVER LET YOU FEEL LONELY
KNOW THIS AT LEAST
KNOW THIS AT LEAST

ABANDONED ON THE STREETS
DESOLATE
SULKING IN THE SHADOWS
FEELING THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD
LOVE IS HELLOS, GOOD-BYES AND GOSSAMER
MT. OSORE LE VOILE

FOR ANNA
EACH NIGHT SHE PATIENTLY BEARS
THE ENDLESS MYSTERY IN SOLITUDE
A THOUSAND BLACK PAPER CRANES
NOT FOLDING
NOT FOLDING

EACH DAY SHE PATIENTLY BEARS
THE ENDLESS MYSTERY IN SOLITUDE
A THOUSAND BLACK PAPER CRANES
NOT FOLDING
NOT FOLDING

SHE CARRIES ON BRAVELY
BUT THE SMILE IS THERE
UNEXPLAINED LONGING FOR MEMENTOS
LOVE IS HELLOS, GOOD-BYES AND GOSSAMER
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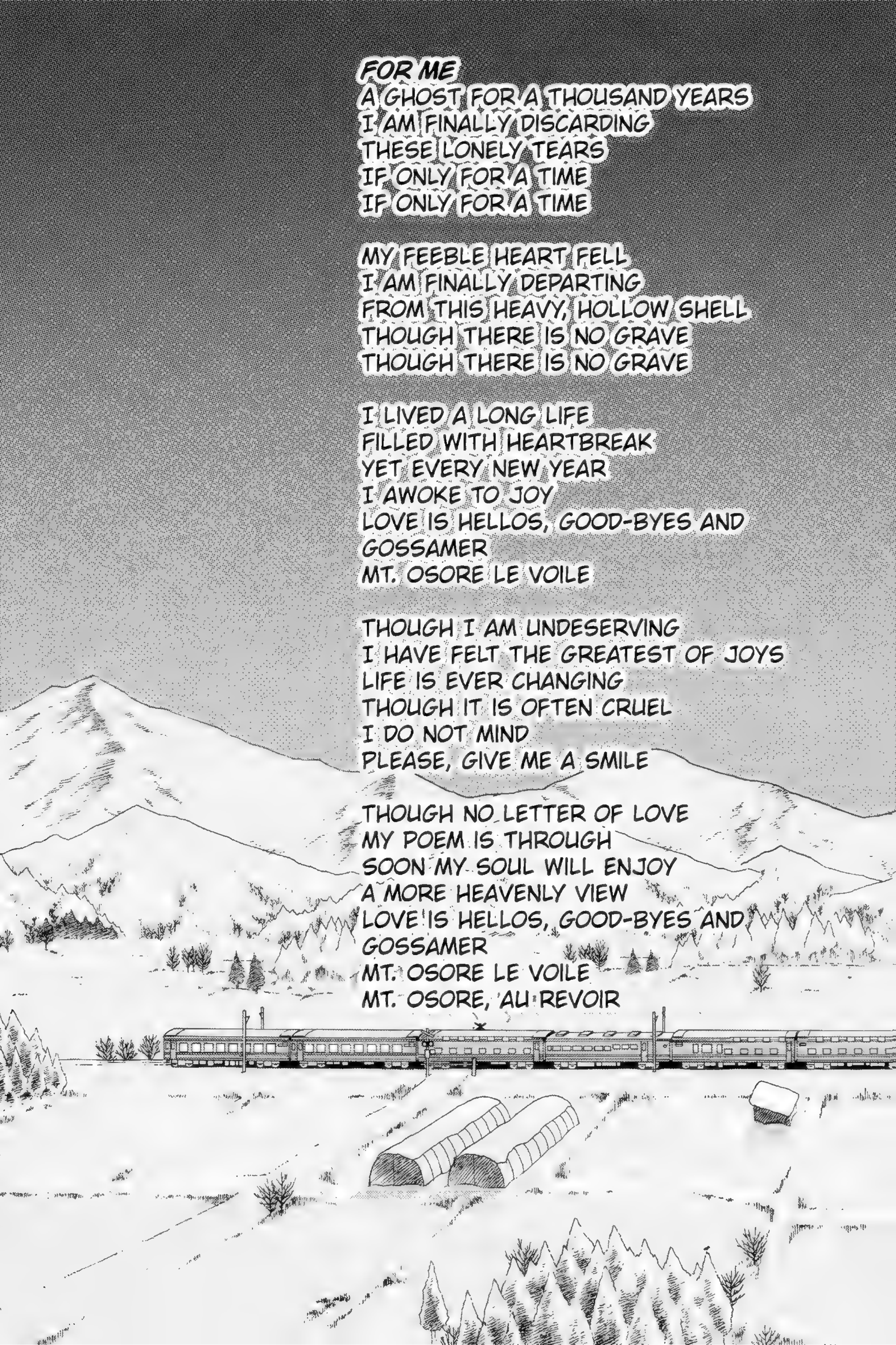
FOR ME
A GHOST FOR A THOUSAND YEARS
I AM FINALLY DISCARDING
THESE LONELY TEARS
IF ONLY FOR A TIME
IF ONLY FOR A TIME
MY FEEBLE HEART FELL
I AM FINALLY DEPARTING
FROM THIS HEAVY, HOLLOW SHELL
THOUGH THERE IS NO GRAVE
THOUGH THERE IS NO GRAVE
I LIVED A LONG LIFE
FILLED WITH HEARTBREAK
YET EVERY NEW YEAR
I AWOKE TO JOY
LOVE IS HELLOS, GOOD-BYES AND
GOSSAMER
MT. OSORE LE VOILE
THOUGH I AM UNDESERVING
I HAVE FELT THE GREATEST OF JOYS
LIFE IS EVER CHANGING
THOUGH IT IS OFTEN CRUEL
I DO NOT MIND
PLEASE, GIVE ME A SMILE
THOUGH NO LETTER OF LOVE
MY POEM IS THROUGH
SOON MY SOUL WILL ENJOY
A MORE HEAVENLY VIEW
LOVE IS HELLOS, GOOD-BYES AND
GOSSAMER
MT. OSORE LE VOILE
MT. OSORE, AU REVOIR

I AM MATAMUNE THE SPLIT-TAILED CAT, YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT.

I HAVE RETURNED FROM TRAVELING THE WORLD TO ACCOMPANY YOH ON HIS JOURNEY.

I HAVE SERVED THE ASAKURA FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.

...IS CATNIP.

MY FAVORITE THING...

LE VOILE: VEIL

VOIR: TO SEE

AU REVOIR: UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

Mt. Osore Le Voile

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...TO SAVE REN.

THE CHIEF HAD TO GIVE UP HIS DREAM...

WHAT'LL I DO?

I GUESS SO.

HE'S GONNA NEED TIME TO GET OVER IT.

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE CRYING ABOUT?!

ANNA'S GONNA KILL ME.

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YEAH. I WASN'T TRYING TO HIDE IT OR ANYTHING, BUT MAYBE I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU SOONER.

IS IT TRUE?!

LORD YOH!

HA HA... WELL, WE HAVE LOTS OF TIME NOW, AMIDAMARU. WANNA TALK ABOUT IT?

THIS IS BEYOND BELIEF. I'M SPEECHLESS.

...WHEN I FOUND OUT HAO WAS MATAMUNE'S MASTER.

I WAS SHOCKED TOO...

...MUCH LESS STRESSED NOW THAT I'M OUT OF THE SHAMAN FIGHT.

I FEEL...

...WE WON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ANY MORE OF THOSE POINTLESS BATTLES.

AT LEAST NOW...

LIKE DEFEAT HAO?

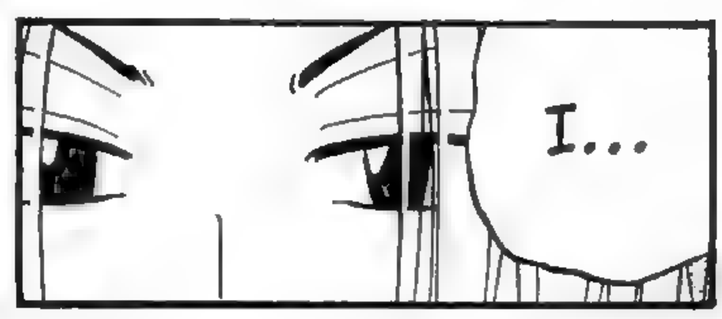
YOU PROMISED THE KITTY CAT, REMEMBER? IT'S YOUR LIFE'S WORK.

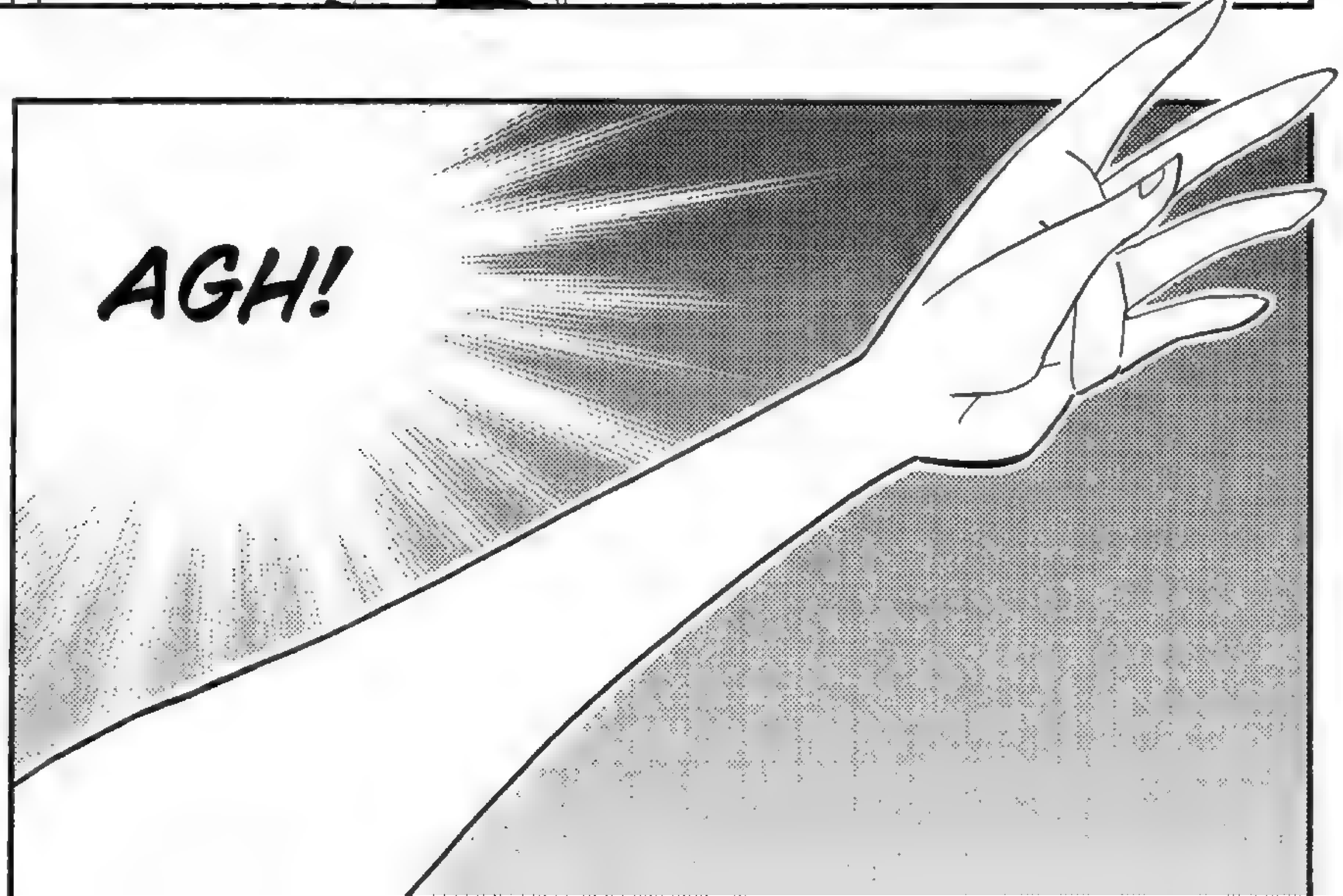
THAT'S THE MISSION OF THE ASAKURA.

WHAT HAPPENS TO ME NOW, YOH?

SO?

I'M SORRY!





HMPH.

I FORGIVE YOU...I GUESS.

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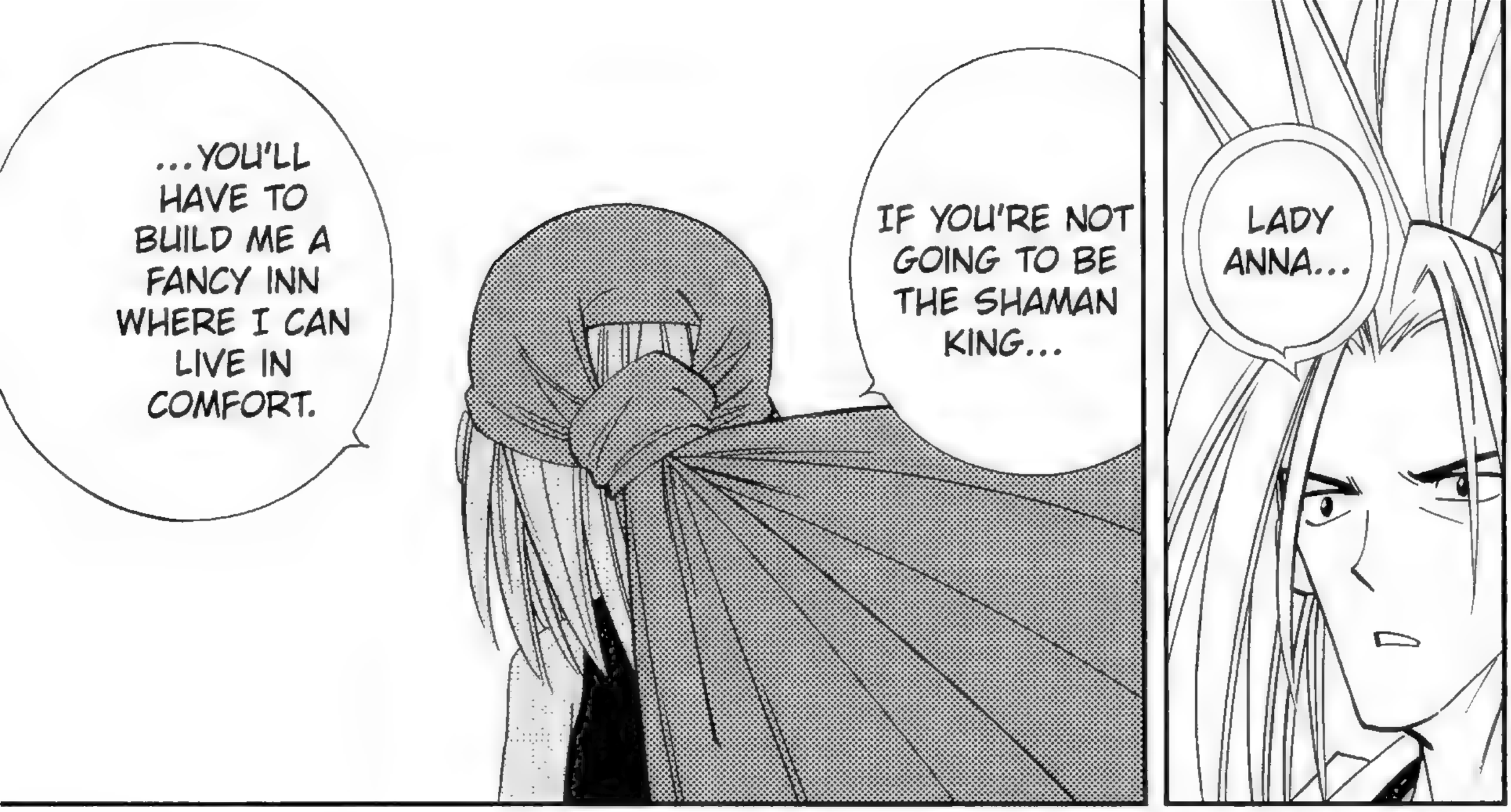
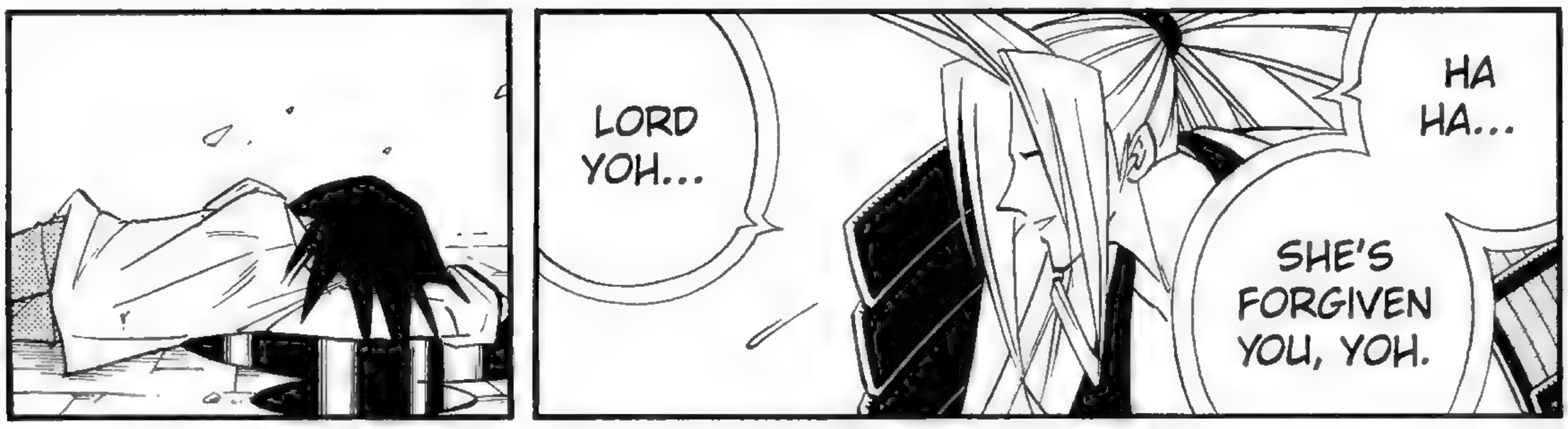
I KNEW YOU WERE TOO SOFTHEARTED FROM THE START.

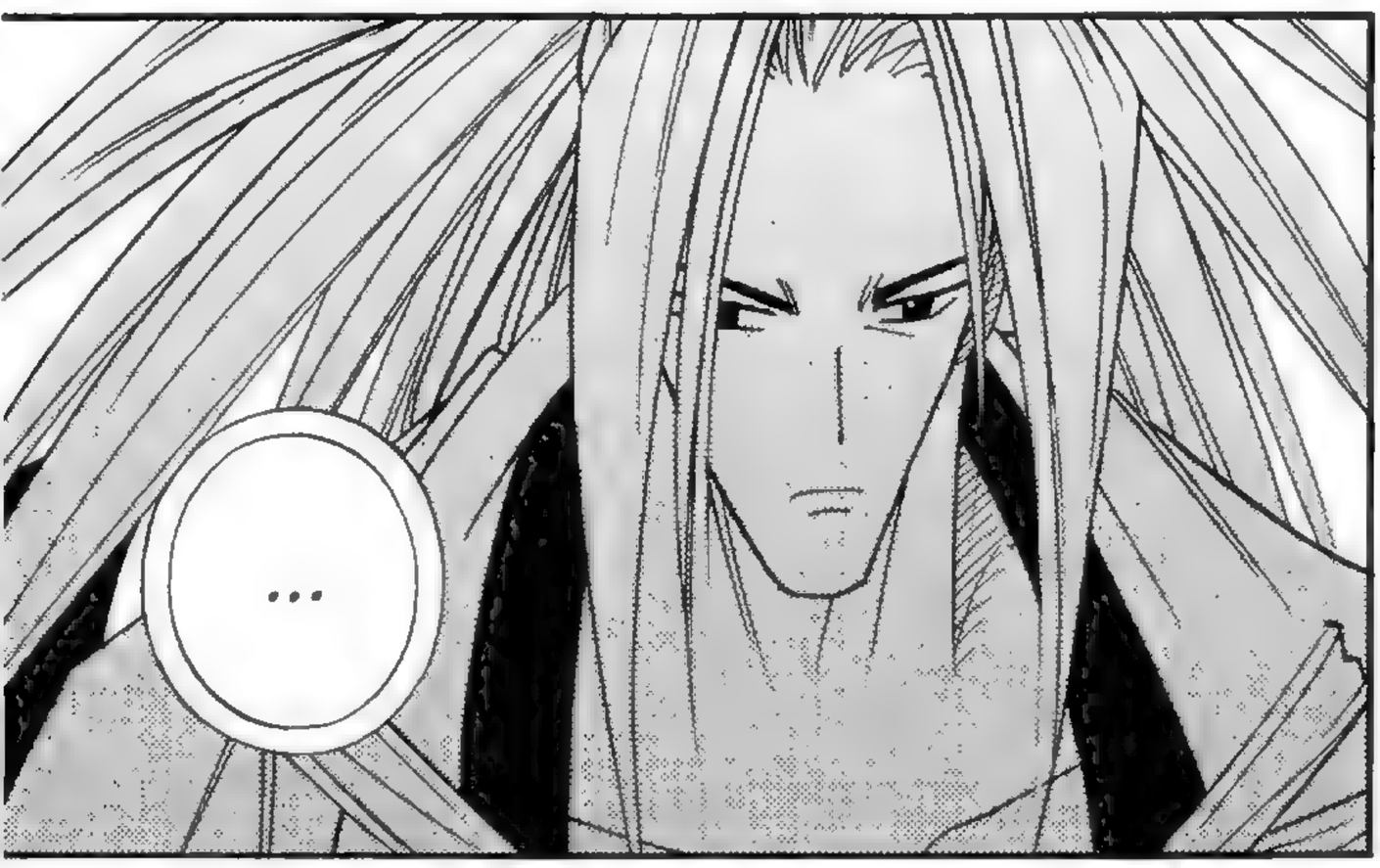
THAT'S WHY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU.

YOU CAN'T RELAX YET, YOH.

BUT OUR JOURNEY ISN'T OVER.


...YOU'LL HAVE TO BUILD ME A FANCY INN WHERE I CAN LIVE IN COMFORT.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE THE SHAMAN KING...
LADY ANNA...


LORD YOH...
HA HA...
SHE'S FORGIVEN YOU, YOH.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LORD YOH...

...TO DEFEAT HAO.
HE WAS BORN
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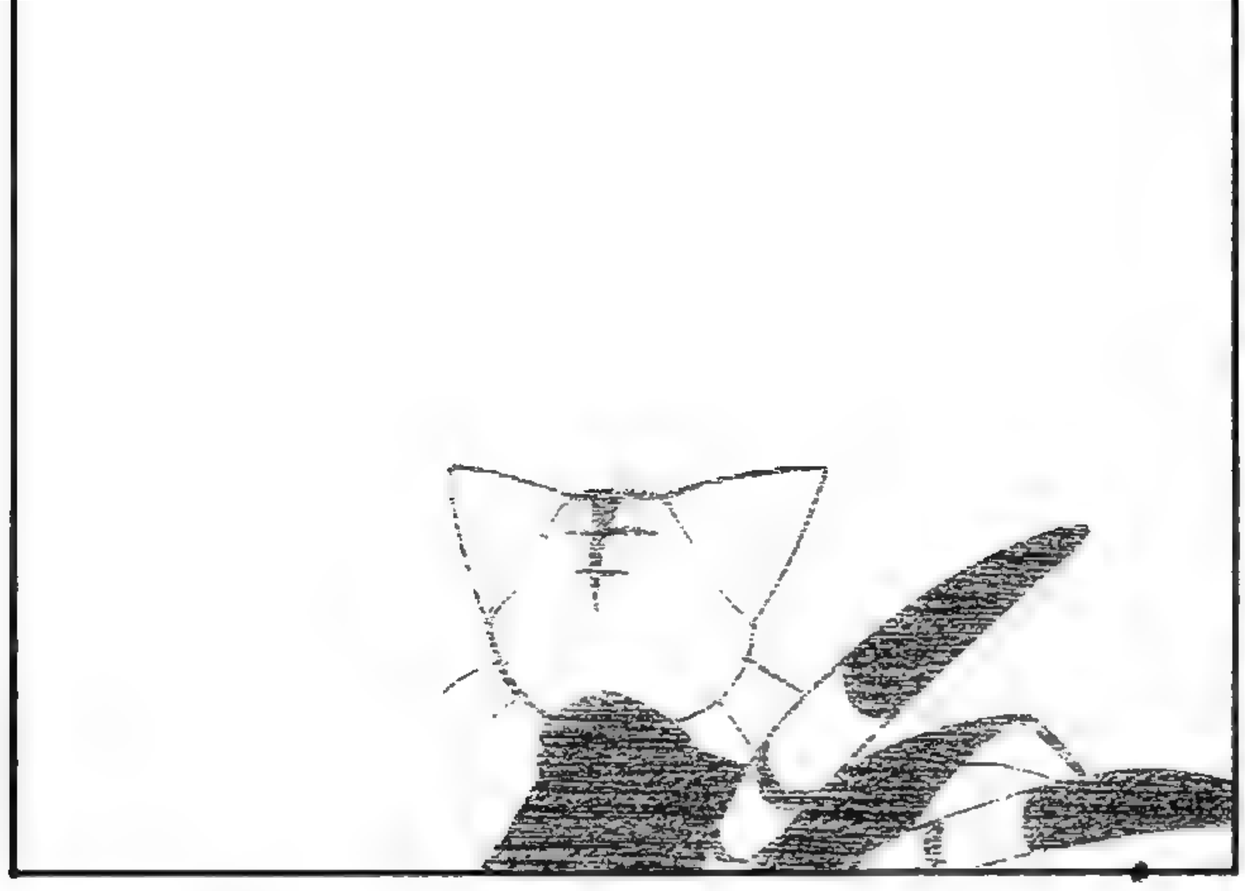
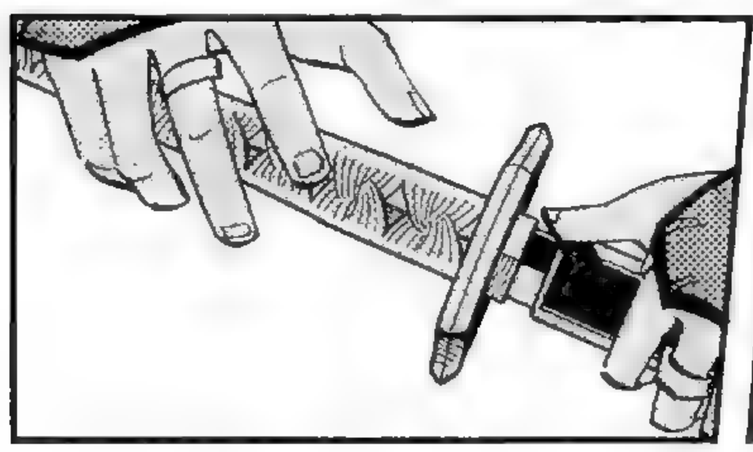
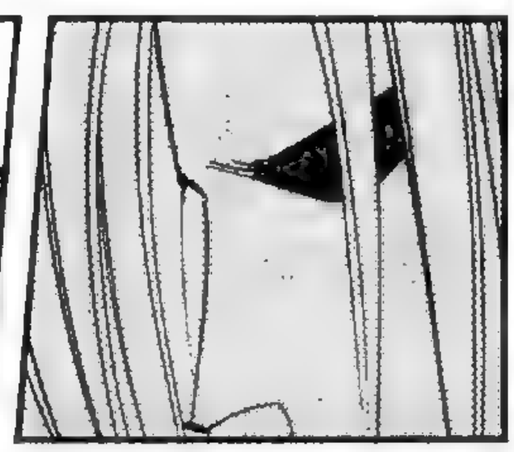
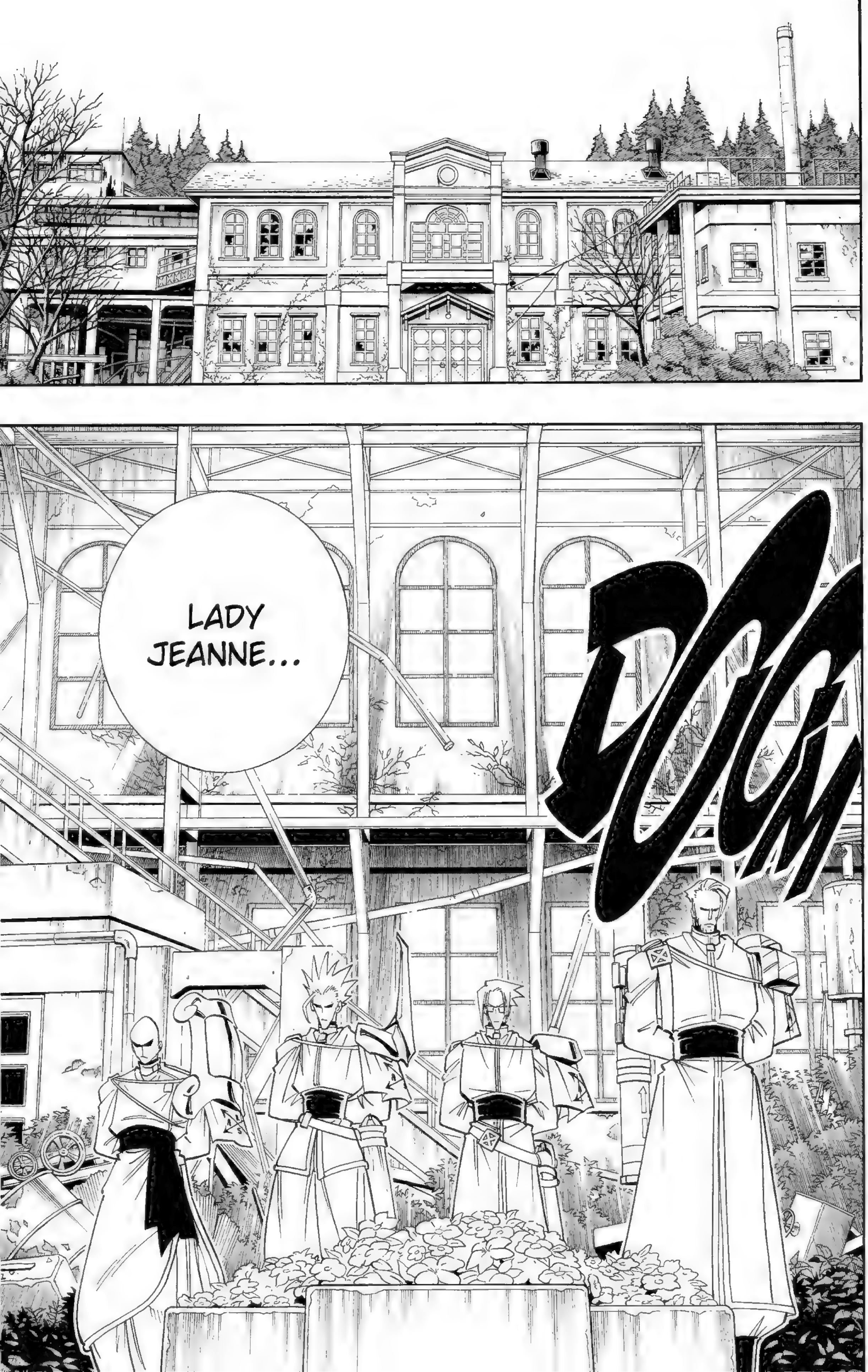






IF LORD YOH WAS BORN FOR THAT ONE PURPOSE...

...THEN WHAT IS MY DUTY?


LADY JEANNE...

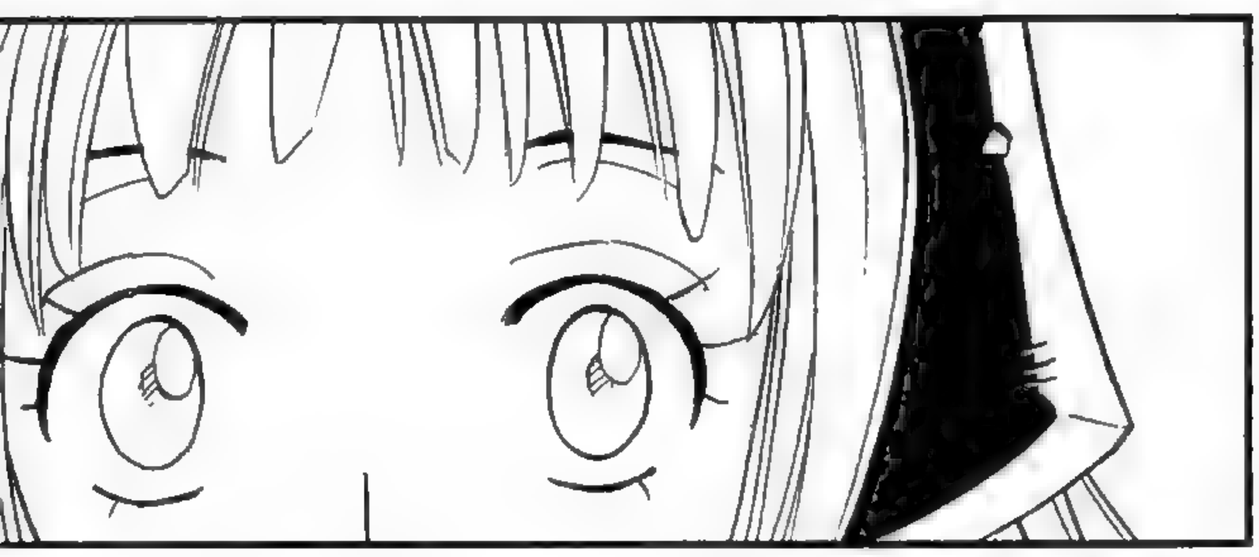
TAO REN IS READY TO BE REVIVED.
THANK YOU. LET US BEGIN.

...BURY TAO REN NOW.

LET'S JUST...

WHY TROUBLE YOURSELF FURTHER?

WAIT, LADY JEANNE.



IF YOU WISH TO SEE YOUR MASTER IN THE AFTERLIFE, KEEP QUIET.
OUR ANGELS CAN DESTROY GHOSTS.
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
KA-CHAK

TAO REN KILLED ONE OF THE OFFICIANTS TO GET HIS ORACLE PAGER.

BUT I HAVE SOMETHING EVEN MORE UNFORTUNATE TO ANNOUNCE.

IT'S UNFORTUNATE, LYSERG...

WHAT ABOUT YOH?!

MARCO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

...WE CANNOT TOLERATE THE EVIL THAT SLEEPS WITHIN HIM.

AS THE X-LAWS, APOSTLES OF JUSTICE...

LYING IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.

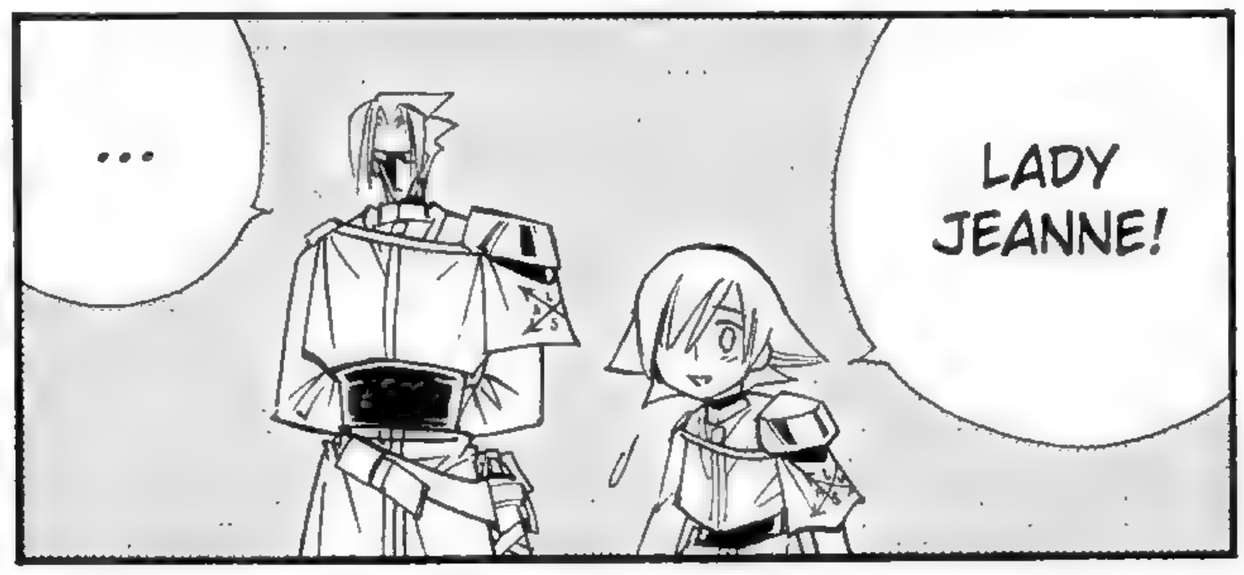
BUT...!

YOH MAY BE THE DETESTABLE HAO'S BROTHER, BUT A PROMISE MADE MUST BE FULFILLED.

I PROMISED YOH ASAKURA I WOULD REVIVE HIS FRIEND...

SHUUN

THE JUST MUST NEVER BREAK THE LAW.



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I FORGIVE YOU, MARCO.

I MUST'VE BEEN BLINDED BY THE EVIL BEFORE ME.

FORGIVE ME, LADY JEANNE. I AM A FOOL.

YOUR WORDS ARE ALWAYS A BLESSING.

IF HE DOES, MAY I EXECUTE HIM?

HE MAY ATTACK YOU, LADY JEANNE.

BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT THIS SCOUNDREL WILL DO WHEN HE AWAKES?

THAT LOOK ON HIS FACE...

...

YES. MY PROMISE WILL HAVE BEEN FULFILLED BY THEN.

HE WANTS MY MASTER DEAD!

HE'S PLOTTING SOMETHING.

HIT ME JUST ONCE...

...AND YOU PASS THE TEST.

WOOO

U G

PEMA STER CARD!!

I'M CHROM, A SHAMAN FIGHT OFFICIANT.

FOOM

COME, TAO REN.
ONE BLOW FROM ME...COULD BE LETHAL.

MARCO'S FULLY
AUTOMATIC 9 MM
SWORD NO 001
マルコ
フルオート9
ナイン

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I WILL ALWAYS BE THE STRONGEST.
YOU'LL PAY FOR YOUR INSOLENCE...
...WITH YOUR LIFE.

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OF COURSE! AREN'T YOU WORRIED?

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO SEE HOW REN'S DOING?

TUP TUP TUP TUP

MANTA...

THEY'RE THE REASON I'M WORRIED!

WHAT IF THE X-LAWS CATCH US? WE'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE.

YEAH, BUT...

I'M NOT SO SURE. I WANT TO MAKE SURE JEANNE REALLY MEANS TO REVIVE HIM.

THEY SAY THEY SERVE JUSTICE, BUT...

I WONDER HOW HE'S DOING.

LYSERG...

JEANNE...

...

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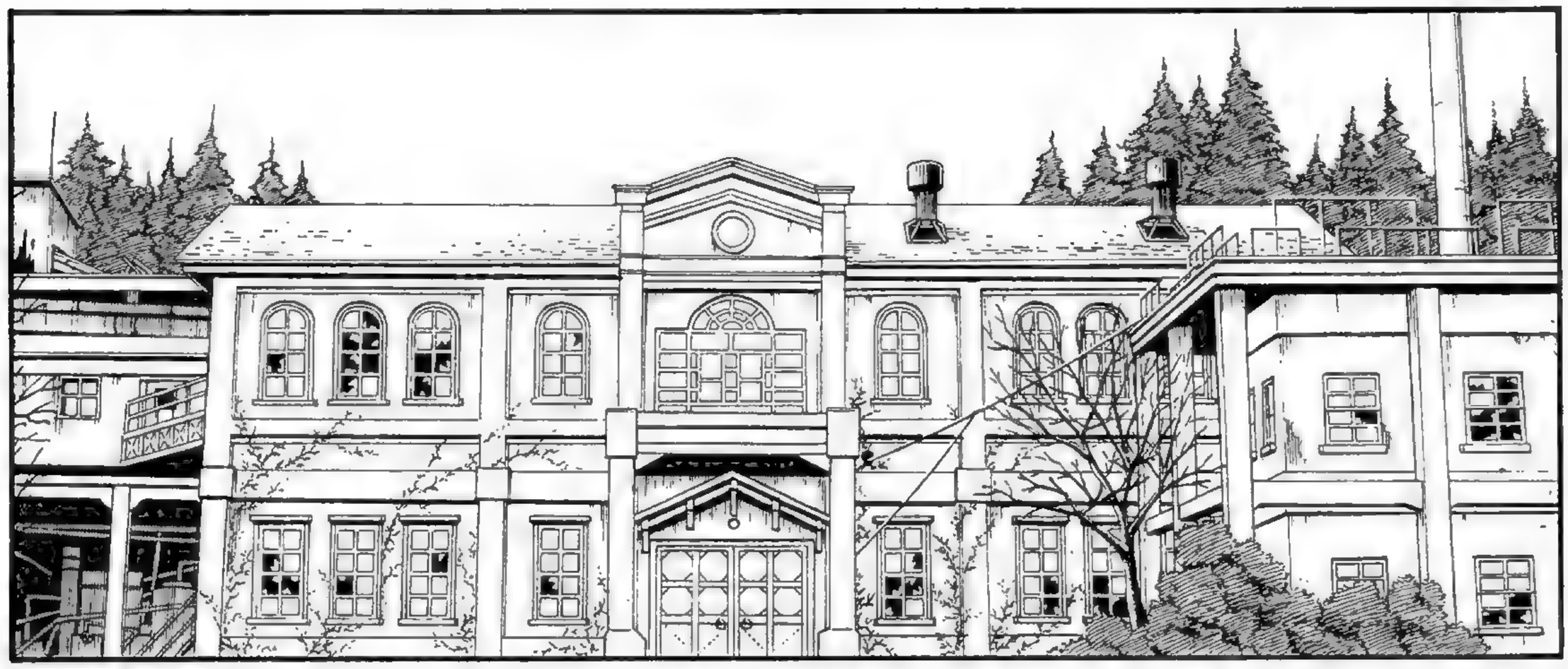
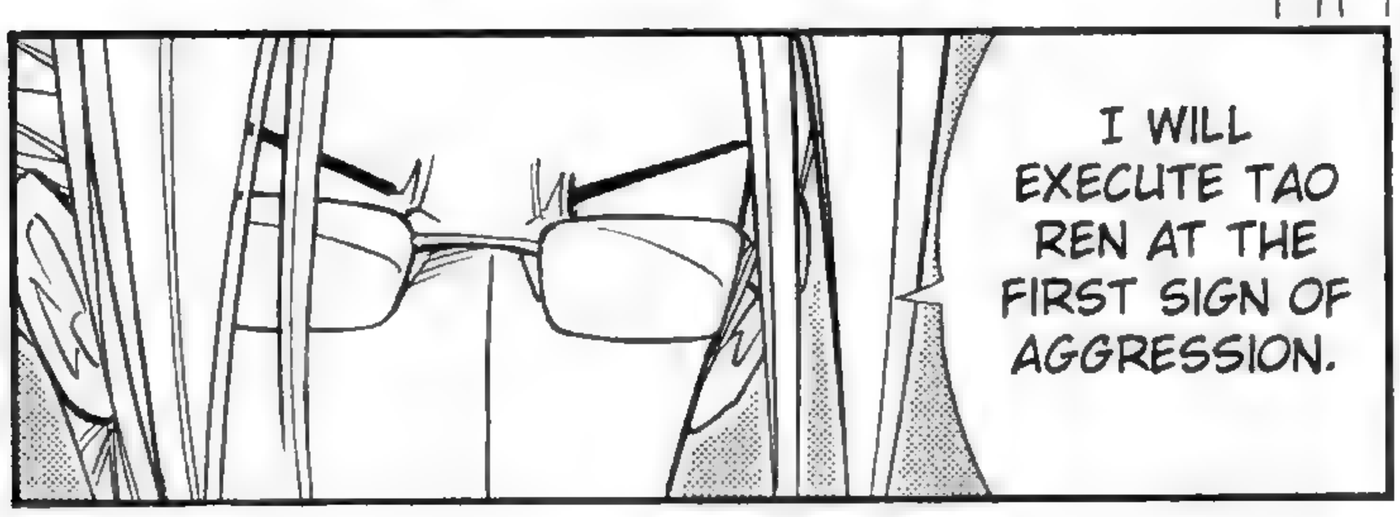
HANG ON TIGHT!!
SHOOOM
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT BABES?!

LET'S GO CHECK OUT THE BABES.
FOR NOW...



KA-CHAK

FOR LADY JEANNE'S SAFETY...


I WILL EXECUTE TAO REN AT THE FIRST SIGN OF AGGRESSION.

HE'S A BRUTAL MURDERER.

EVIL WILL ALWAYS BE EVIL.

重工

HOW ANNOYING. YOU DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH AT MY SURPRISE ATTACK. YOU MUST BE AS MINDLESS AS YOUR INSECT OVER SOUL.

HMPH.

YOU'VE ALREADY LEARNED TO FORM AN OVER SOUL, EH?

SO...

WORM!

HAH!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS TEST IS TO CONFIRM THAT THE PARTICIPANT CAN FORM AN OVER SOUL.

...

HE'S A DANGEROUS BOY.

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NO !!

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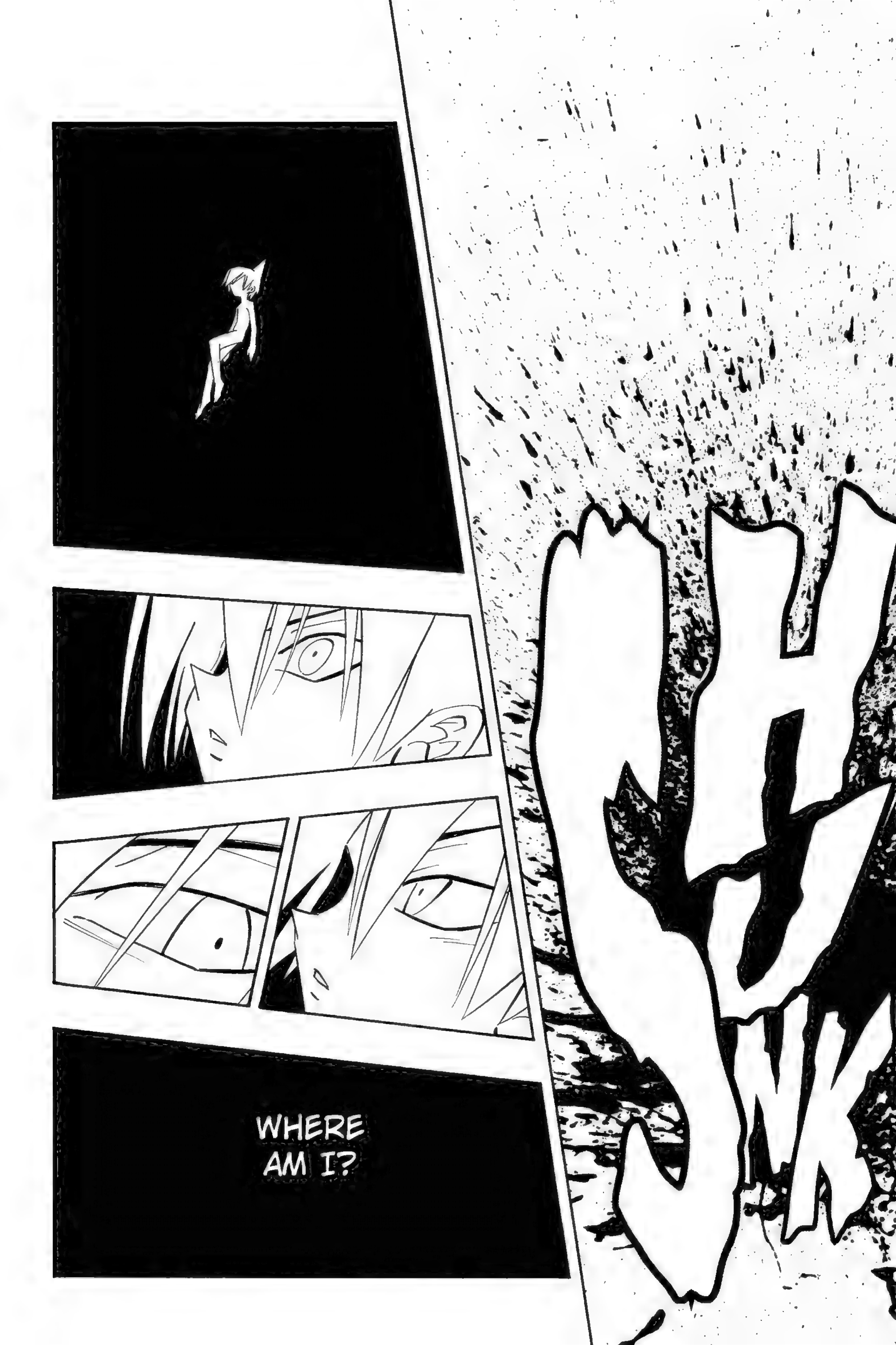
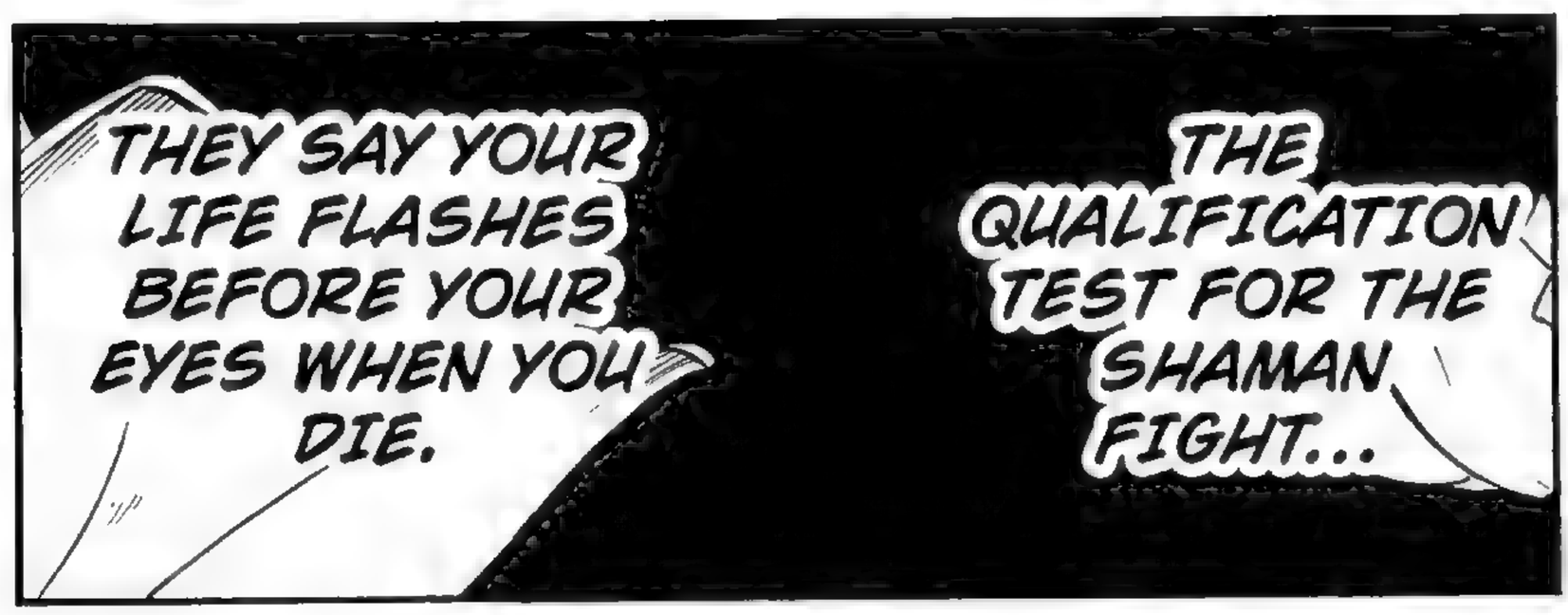
WHA--?!


WHERE AM I?

AM I...

...DREAMING?



THAT MAY BE NATURAL IN COMBAT, BUT STILL...

YOU BELITTLE YOUR ENEMY TO SHAKE HIS CONFIDENCE.

YOU'D BETTER NOTE YOUR OPPONENT'S ABILITIES IF YOU WANT TO LIVE A LONG LIFE.

AND NOW YOU WANT TO LECTURE ME? YOU REALLY ARE ANNOYING.

STILL STANDING, EH?

SUCH DEFIANCE. YOU REMIND ME OF MY BROTHER.

HEH...

PLIP...

!

YOU HIT ME, AS REQUIRED. BUT KEEP TRAINING.

VERY WELL.

DON'T.

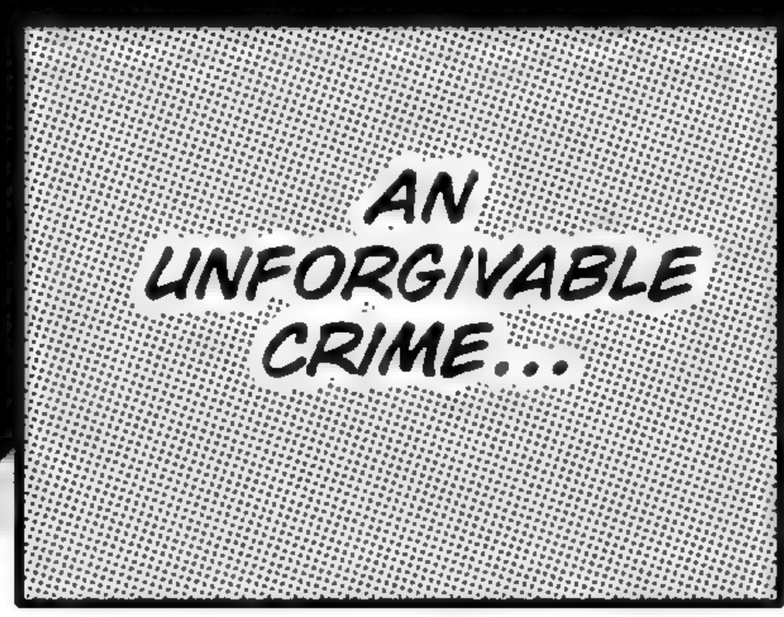
NO.

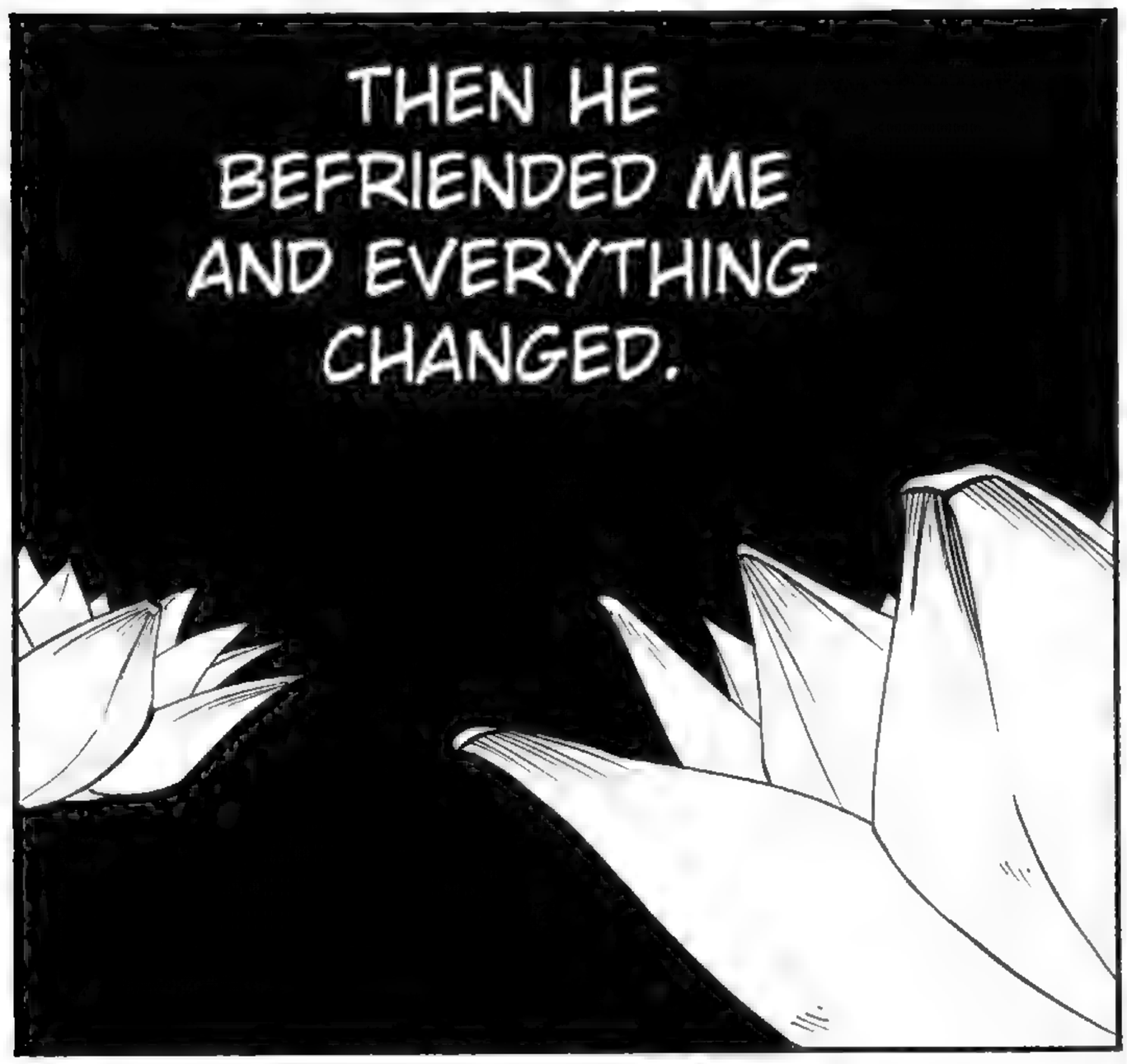
DON'T DO IT !!!

SLAP

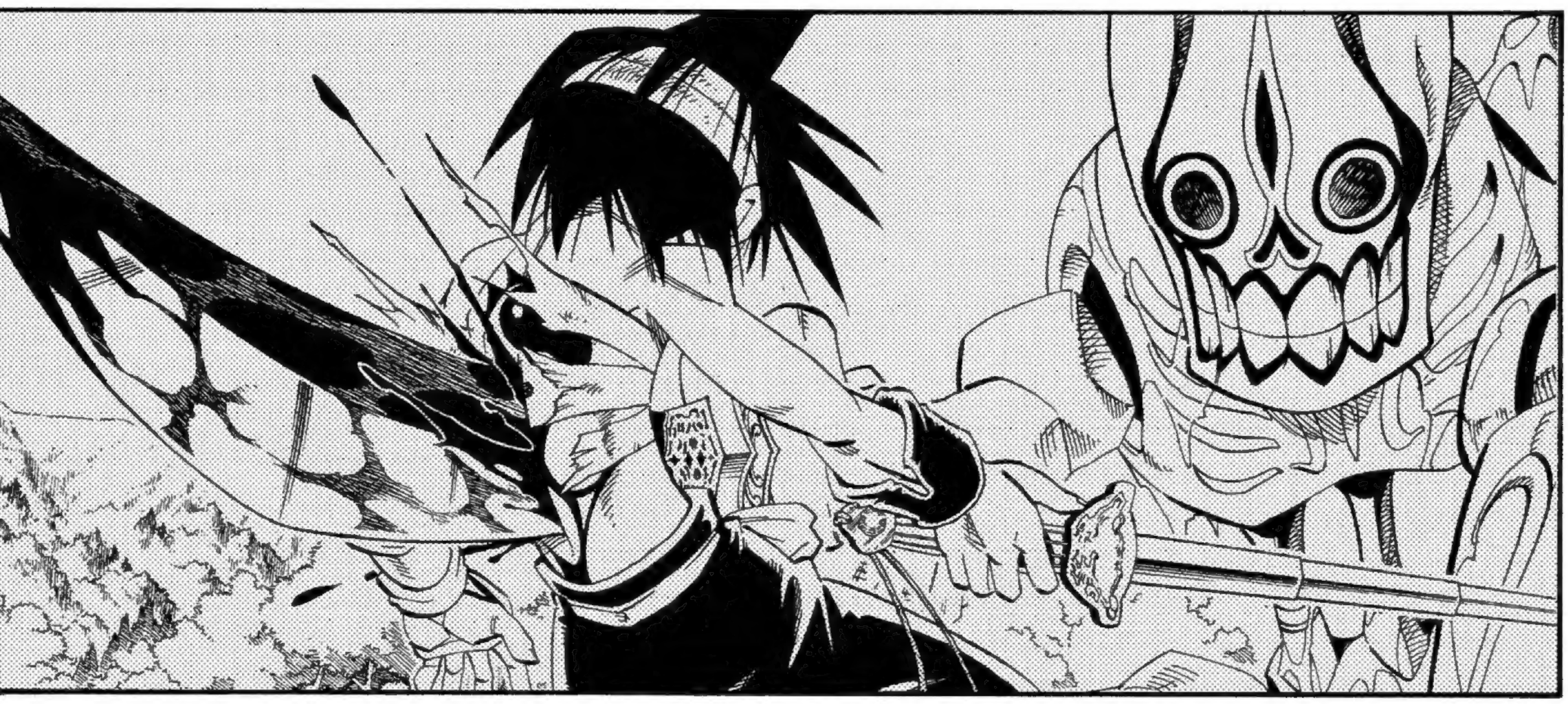
FOOL.

I'VE NO NEED OF YOUR APPROVAL.

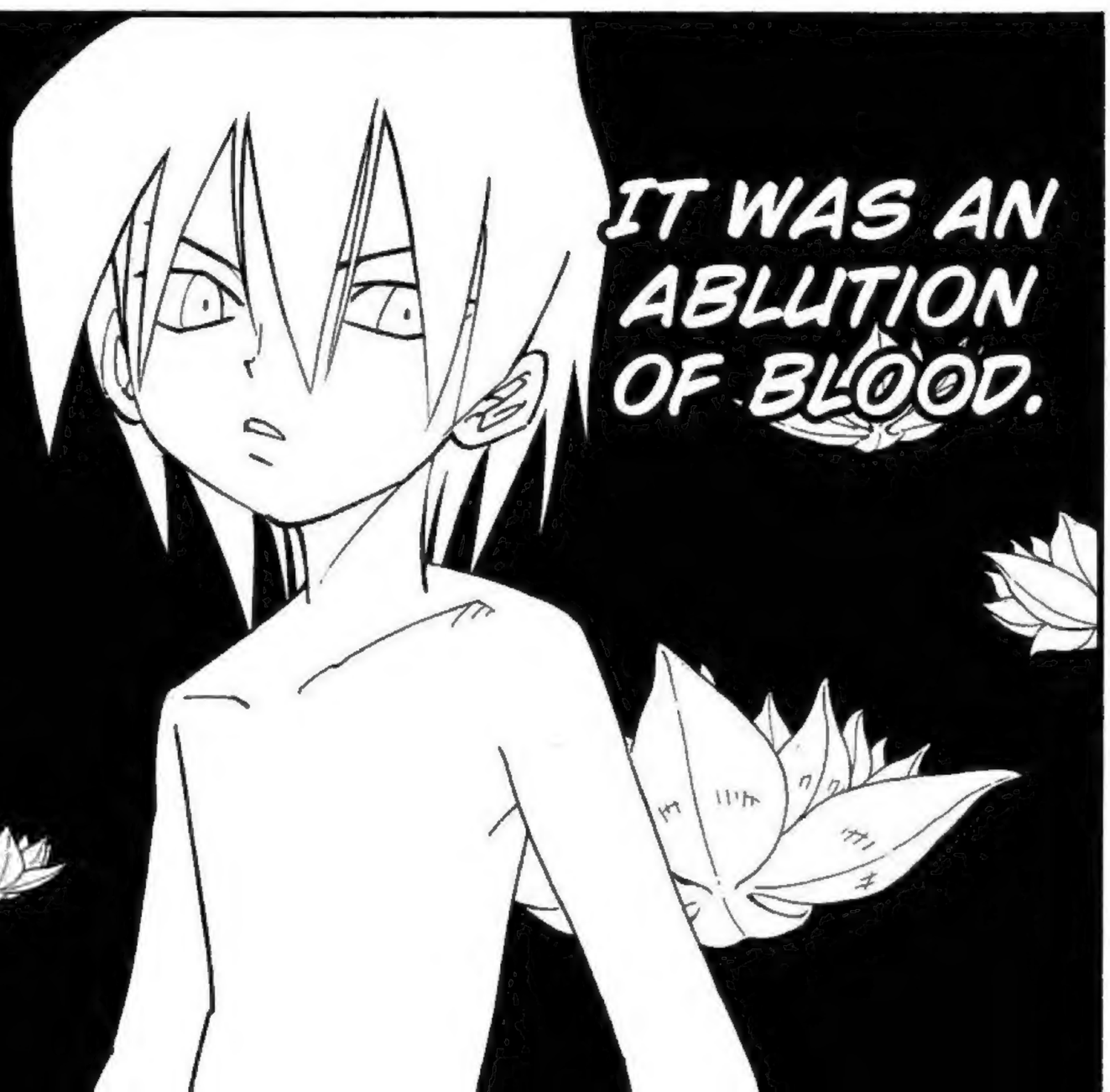




I LET MYSELF BE STABBED.



I WAS WILLING TO DIE IF IT WOULD COMFORT CHROM'S BROTHER. I WANTED TO ATONE FOR MY CRIME.



IT WAS AN ABLUTION OF BLOOD.

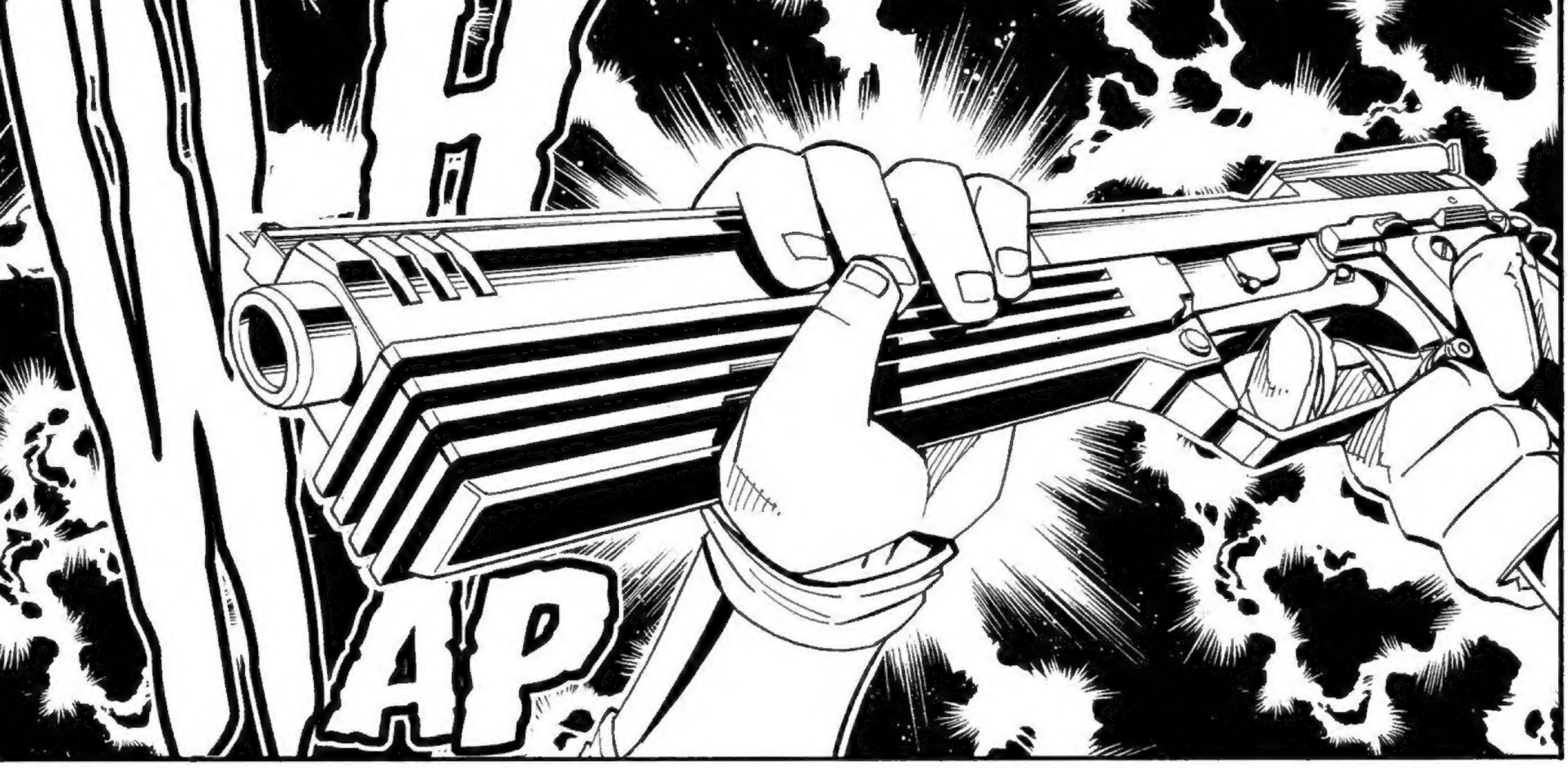
HOW DID THINGS END UP LIKE THIS?!

BUT...

YOH WITHDREW FROM THE SHAMAN FIGHT TO SAVE ME?!

THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE.

UNACCEPTABLE !!!



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